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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT,
BOSTON, March 7, 1888.

To whom it may concern:

Whereas, By Chapter 64 of Our Legislative Acts of the current year, entitled "An Act to authorize the Town of South Scituate to change its name," it is provided that "the Town of South Scituate may take the name of Norwell, Standish, Deane, Cushing, or Hatherly"; And, Whereas, it is further provided in said Act that, "A meeting of the voters of said town shall be held on the first Monday of March of the current year for the purpose of determining which of said five names shall be the name of said town"; And, Whereas, it is further provided that "It shall be the duty of the Selectmen of said town to certify and return as soon as may be the number of ballots in favor of each of said five names to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, who shall immediately issue and publish his certificate declaring the name which shall be found to have the most ballots in its favor to have been adopted by said town, and the same shall thereupon become and be the name of said town"; And, Whereas, it appears by a duly attested return of the Selectmen of the town of South Scituate that, at a meeting of the qualified voters of said town, called and held, in accordance with the provisions of the Act above cited, on the fifth day of March, instant, the whole number of ballots cast for the purpose above stated was two hundred and twenty-one (221), two hundred and fifteen (215) of which where for the name of Norwell.

Now, Therefore, I do issue this my certificate, declaring the name of Norwell to have been adopted by said town.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth.

[SEAL] HENRY B. PEIRCE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN,

AND

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF NORWELL,

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

At our annual meeting in March the town voted to raise $2,500 for repairs of highways, Henry Norwell, Esq , agreeing to contribute a like amount. Your Surveyors were Henry Norwell, Waldo Jones, and Charles Simmons. Mr. Norwell appointed R. P. Briggs to have charge of his section of the road, and authorized the Selectmen to pay to him his share of the appropriation. It was agreed by the Surveyors to deduct from the appropriation enough to purchase one or more road machines, tools, etc., later in the season, and after the freshet in September it was also agreed to allow from the general fund an amount sufficient to rebuild the bridge near the house of Andrew Turner, on Elm Street, and the Selectmen, after consulting with the Surveyors, and having considered the condition of the highways throughout the town, allowed from the balance of the appropriation $1,832 to the East Ward, $1,632 to the West Ward, and $1,171 to the South Ward, and the amount expended by each will be found in the body of the report.

It is not of course to be expected that in one season we can make all the improvements necessary, or all that are called for; but we think our new system has worked well, and much better work has been done than in former years. A very large amount of gravel has been used. On many of our streets the bushes have been cut and permanent improvements made, and, should the same system be continued with the same amount of money, we think that in the near future we shall have reason to feel proud of our highways.

EXTRA REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

The heavy freshet in September last overflowed the bridge on Elm Street, washing away a portion of the highway, and the freshet of November 25 caused serious damage to our roads and bridges in many parts of the town. Formerly these heavy freshets were an exception; now it seems safe to expect one or more in a season; and it shows the necessity of keeping the gutters by the side of the road in such a condition as to take the surface water from the travelled part of our streets. The sluiceway at Elm Street bridge has been enlarged to such an extent that we need not fear another such occurrence there.

Acting under the vote of the town, the Selectmen petitioned the County Commissioners to again view Grove Street, and widen, straighten, or new locate, as in their judgment seemed necessary. The Commissioners, having made a new view, have now issued their order of notice to the town to cause said highway to be widened and straightened, and also a new section to be constructed on or before the first day of October, 1889.

An order of notice has also been received from the Commissioners, acting under the petition of Joshua R. Barker and others, praying for the widening and straightening of the highway from a point near the dwelling-house of Walter C. Barnard to a point near the school-house on River Street, and a new highway laid out from near the house of said Barnard to a point near the store of Melvin Little. By their order of notice the prayer of the petitioners was granted as far as widening and straightening said section of highway, and the inhabitants of the town are ordered to cause said work to be completed on or before the first day of October, 1889. The Selectmen appeared before the Commissioners, and opposed the laying out of the new section of highway at the present time, but favored the widening and straightening as asked for, thinking that by so doing they were acting for the best interests of the town.

There was also a hearing before the Commissioners relative to the widening and straightening of the highway leading from a point on River Street near the house of James H. Williams to Circuit Street. As sufficient evidence was not presented by the

petitioners to warrant the Commissioners in ordering the work to be done, it was thought best to bring the matter before the town. This is, no doubt, a public highway, is in very bad condition, and for many years has been but little used, and the town should either discontinue or repair the same.

CEMETERY.

It will soon be necessary for the town to take some action relative to purchasing land for the purposes of a cemetery. It is now almost impossible for any one to obtain a lot in the cemetery in the east part of the town, and the only other cemetery in town is the one at Church Hill, and unless some stringent measures are taken to protect the property there, the graves of some of our ancestors will soon be washed away. The Selectmen authorized a small amount of money to be expended there the past year, but we think the town should take some action in the matter at our annual meeting.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Mr. C. H. Williston and wife have continued in charge of our almshouse the past year, and have given good satisfaction. At the present time there are twelve inmates, the net cost being $1,396.85. As by a vote of the town $60, or one half of the income of the Otis Poor Fund, has been placed in the hands of the Superintendent for distribution to the inmates. There has been paid for full and partial support to out-door poor, $1,416.17. We have allowed from the Otis Fund $30, leaving net cost $1,386.17.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Our public buildings are now in good condition, and compare favorably with those in neighboring towns. Under our new name we have established a High School, and already made permanent improvements on our highways; but let us not stop here; let us see if we cannot contrive some way to get a railroad, and, could we only succeed, our property would increase in value, it would bring business to our town, and our young men could then, no doubt, find employment at home.

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL-HOUSES.

District No. 1.

Paid as follows: —

Alpheus Thomas, for cash paid	$9 94
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	33 50
J. H. Prouty, for water trough	6 00
Hattie J. Gardner, for cash paid	4 50
Hattie J. Gardner, cash paid for cleaning room	12 00
	$65 94

District No. 2.

C. A. Peterson, for supplies	$1 50
Simeon Damon, for labor	2 10
B. P. Nichols, for material and labor	2 85
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	27 00
Eliza Gunderway, for cleaning school-rooms	11 00
	$44 45

District No. 3.

E. W. Sprague, for labor	$1 00
Andrew Stockbridge, for material and labor	74 83
Gustavus S. Totman, for labor	5 50
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	8 50
Emma R. Totman, for cleaning school-room	5 00
	$94 83

District No. 4.

C. C. Merritt, for labor	$2 25
Mary A. Osborne, for cleaning room	4 27
	$6 52

District No. 5.

Andrew Stockbridge, for material and labor	$2 78
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	24 50
Ann J. Spellman, cleaning school-room	8 89
	$36 17

DISTRICT No. 6.

George W. Griggs, for material and labor	$5 69
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	6 50
Ann J. Spellman, cleaning school-room	5 44
	$17 63

DISTRICT No. 7.

Charles Simmons, for labor	$1 40
C. A. Peterson, for labor and material	11 50
W. P. Thayer, for mason work	21 00
E. E. Chamberlain, for labor	1 00
Eliza Smith, for cleaning school-room	3 00
	$37 90

LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE TO SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Maria W. Tolman, for teaching District No. 7	$156 00
S. M. Butrick, " " " 7	108 00
Emily T. Sylvester, " " " 7	117 00
Nellie T. Hatch, " " " 6	155 50
L. R. Spaulding, " " " 5	130 00
Mabel K. Remick, " " " 5	40 00
Nina B. Croning, " " " 5	135 00
Grace T. Hatch, " " " 4	91 00
Carrie M. Ford, " " " 4	78 00
Mary A. Litchfield, " " " 3	91 00
Grace T. Hatch, " " " 3	115 00
Dora Gardner, " " " 2	248 00
Alice Rogers, " " " 1	220 50
Lina B. Stowell, " " " 1	156 00
E. J. Cox, for teaching High School	252 63
	$2,093 63

SUPPLIES TO OUT-DOOR POOR.

Paid on account of	
Mary S. Fitts and family	$52 00
Mary A. Brown and family	46 50

Burial of child of Mary A. Brown	$6 00
I. N. Fitts, for aid	2 00
Town of Hanover, aid to George W. Smith	7 65
C. D. Mann and family	5 00
for medical attendance	7 00
George Prince, clothing and supplies	25 82
Lyman B. Fitts and family	3 00
for medical attendance	24 00
Myrtle Sprague, for board and clothing	15 35
Abijah Ewell, for aid	27 00
Henry L. Bates and family	18 00
Clark DeWitt and family	2 00
Sarah Harris, for aid	16 35
George W. Stetson, cash paid house rent	42 00
H. M. Winslow and family, house rent	10 50
H. D. Litchfield, supplies for children	26 00
C. B. Jones, for aid	4 00
Gustavus S. Totman and family, house rent	30 00
for medical attendance	14 00
A. Casey, for supplies	4 00
W. R. Smith and family, for aid	44 50
Andrew Greene, for aid	38 00
Ann Barstow and family	58 50
Edward M. Magoun, cash paid for board	31 50
for medical attendance	27 75
John Freeman, for aid	5 50
for medical attendance	18 00
Peter Sylvester and family, for aid	5 50
for burial	20 00
Richard Barstow, on account of medical attendance,	29 25
Emma Sylvester, for burial	20 00
J. H. Patterson, for aid	5 25
City of Brockton, for aid and medical attendance to C. G. Mee	76 50
Andrew N. Greene and family, for aid	2 00
John Enols, cash paid for medical attendance	2 00
Elizabeth T. Brooks, for aid	21 00

Taunton Hospital, for board of Bridget Shea	$171 45
" " " George A. Gardner	174 38
Bridgewater Asylum, board of Joseph Harvey	121 36
Town of Hanover, for aid to W. T. Hunt and family	21 04
Town of Hanover, for aid to Joanna S. Keene	50 00
Town of Hanover, for aid to Benjamin T. Lee	15 50
Town of Hanover, for aid to George W. Smith and family	69 02
	$1,416 17

SUPPLIES TO ALMSHOUSE.

Paid as follows: —

Elisha C. Hatch, for crackers	$5 42
C. W. Sparrell, for potatoes, milk, and swine	33 55
Noah Mayo, for fish	4 90
Shepard, Norwell & Co., for dry goods	14 38
Crocker & Eldridge, for groceries	126 40
George E. Bates, for meat	75 20
Thomas Tolman, for groceries and dry goods	101 83
John Whalen, for seven cords of hard-wood	22 75
Whitney, Clough & Co., for meat	3 76
A. W. Faxon, for dry goods	11 28
W. P. B. Brooks & Co., for furniture	5 00
Wheat, Bridge & Burr, for butter	25 16
J. A. Torry, for soap	4 80
J. Ford, for fresh fish	19 18
A. C. Pincin, for meat	64 72
Litchfield & Curtis, for groceries, dry goods, boots and shoes	217 90
H. J. Little, for medical attendance	8 00
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, for groceries	4 37
Richmond Farrar, for pasturing stock	7 00
L. W. Cook, for clothing	11 00
Joseph Merritt, for smith work	18 37
C. H. Williston, as superintendent	300 00
R. P. & W. S. Briggs, for ice	9 00

E. H. Bonney, for coal	$100 85
C. W. Tilden, for supplies and labor	11 40
Edwin A. Turner, for groceries, etc.	37 63
Skinner & Arnold, for meat	8 00
Joseph H. Corthell, for meat	46 57
Highland Foundry Co., for range	44 00
W. T. Sylvester, for labor with team	7 00
L. J. Studley, for mason work	2 00
W. H. Richardson, for supplies	35 09
C. A. Litchfield, for fertilizer	3 30
Hartford & Co., for potatoes	3 00
R. Talbot, for crackers	14 08
Culver, Phillips & Co., for grain	76 85
C. H. Williston, for supplies	23 97
	$1,507 71

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Due from State on account of military aid	$36 00
Received from sale of hay	22 50
Received from sale of stove	10 00
Received from sale of milk, barrels, etc.	12 00
Received from sale of pork and calf	10 36
Board and lodgings of 49 tramps	20 00
Board of inmates to balance cost	1,396 85
	$1,507 71

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid as follows: —

Alfred Mudge & Son, for printing town reports, voting lists, stationery, etc.	$86 30
Avery & Doten, for printing town orders	2 60
Horace Dodd, for advertising change of name of town,	7 38
Pratt Bros., for legal notices and printing	4 75
F. W. Barry, for assessors' books	3 30
F. H. Miller, for printing transcripts and town orders	8 00
Cummings Litchfield, on account of injury on highway,	300 00

George L. Brownell, for repairs, painting and varnishing hearse	$128 90
Old Colony Railroad, for freight on two hearses	22 80
E. P. Welch & Son, for lumber, hardware, etc., for stable	212 55
Litchfield & Curtis, for hardware for stable	3 46
A. Stockbridge, for labor on stable, and material	54 15
J. F. Turner, for labor on stable	40 00
H. A. Turner, for cash paid for fixtures for well on Circuit St.	2 30
Frank Dyer, for expressage in 1886 and 1887	6 20
John Turner, for use of boat for repairs of Union bridge,	6 00
Thomas Groome & Co., for collector's books	3 50
George Sylvester, for labor on Soldiers' Monument grounds	15 50
Dole Fertilizer Company, for lawn dressing for same	12 50
J. W. Foster, on account of damage to property on highway	25 00
J. W. Barker, on account of cash paid care of cemetery, South Ward	8 16
Litchfield & Curtis, for postage and stationery	10 91
C. A. Litchfield, for cash paid cedar posts	2 00
F. H. Sanborn, for printing tax bills and postals	8 25
H. A. Turner, for cash paid on account of Grove Street petition	3 00
Selectmen, cash paid for 442 woodchucks	110 50
	$1,088 01

REMOVING SNOW.

District No 1.

W. H. Farrar, 4½ hours with man and team	$2 55
Curtis Bros., 3 hours with man and team	2 25
C. E. Brewster, 12 hours labor with man and team	6 00
Israel Vining, 8 hours labor with team and man	4 00
	$14 80

District No. 2.

W. S. Briggs, 24 hours labor man and team	$12 00

District No. 3.

E. R. Studley, 18 hours labor with team	$9 00
Carlton Litchfield, 8 hours labor	2 00
Henry Damon, 4 hours labor	1 00
A. Stockbridge, 1 hour labor	25
	$12 25

District No. 4.

J. H. Hatch, 33 hours with team	$8 25
Lincoln Ellmes, 6 hours with team	3 00
	$11 25

District No. 5.

E. M. Sexton, 20 hours labor with team	$15 00
plank for snow-plough	55
	$15 55

District No. 6.

John P. Henderson, 15 hours with team	$7 50

District No. 7.

Charles Simmons, 15 hours with team	$7 50
W. S. Simmons, 15 hours labor	3 75
	$11 25

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

East Ward.

Paid as follows: —

R. P. Briggs, 55 days labor	$110 00
2 horses and cart 180 hours	72 00
James Gammon, 204 hours labor	40 80
Benjamin Barrell, 246½ hours labor	49 30
George Sylvester, 226 hours labor	45 20

Henry Litchfield, 167 hours labor	$33 40
E. M. Sexton, 186 hours labor	37 20
2 horses and cart 177½ hours labor	71 00
Amos T. Litchfield, 118 hours labor	23 60
David Griffin, 167 hours labor	33 40
Edwin Studley, 40½ hours labor	8 10
2 horses and cart 41 hours labor	16 40
Seth O. Fitts, 36 hours labor	7 20
Carlton Litchfield, 40 hours labor	8 00
2 horses and cart 40 hours labor	16 00
David W. Studley, 50 hours labor	10 00
Cushing Hatch, 47 hours labor	9 40
2 horses and cart 15 hours labor	6 00
B. W. Jacobs, 127 hours labor	25 40
Henry Studley, 60 hours labor	12 00
A. Pincin, 11 hours labor	2 20
1 horse and cart 7 hours labor	1 40
O. Pincin, for labor 40 hours	6 00
D. R. Ewell, 8 hours labor	1 60
Morris Gammon, 476½ hours labor	95 30
D. W. Turner, 15 hours labor	3 00
W. D. Turner, 71 hours labor	14 20
2 horses and cart, 38 hours labor	15 20
1 horse, 33 hours labor	6 60
John Tilden, 18 hours labor	3 60
W. R. Vinal, 156 hours labor	31 20
1 horse and cart, 75 hours labor	15 00
N. Morse, 14 hours labor	2 80
C. W. Sparrell, 68 hours labor	13 60
2 horses and cart, 50 hours labor	20 00
1 horse, 12 hours labor	2 40
Carlton Pincin, 17 hours labor	3 40
George Hatch, 33 hours labor	6 60
1 horse and cart, 33 hours labor	6 60
George A. Hatch, 33 hours labor	6 60
1 horse and cart, 33 hours labor	6 60
Frank Baker, 45 hours labor	9 00

George Barrell, 451 hours labor	$90 20
John Leslie, 8 hours labor	1 60
John Kehoe, 17 hours labor	3 40
W. S. Briggs, 36 hours labor	7 20
Charles Mosher, 9 hours labor	1 80
W. Sylvester and team, 148 hours (oxen)	66 60
Nathan Sylvester, 8 hours labor	1 60
John Turner and team, 43 hours labor (oxen)	19 35
James Greene, 45 hours labor	9 00
horse and cart, 45 hours labor	9 00
Charles Berrey, 64 hours labor	12 80
2 horses and cart, 32 hours labor	12 80
F. Sylvester, 28 hours labor	5 60
Walter Jacobs, 34 hours labor	6 80
1 horse, 7 hours labor	1 40
John Brown, 110 hours labor	22 00
2 horses, 55 hours labor	22 00
James W. Sampson, 82 hours labor	16 40
2 horses and cart, 58 hours labor	23 20
W. Monahon, 55 hours labor	11 00
H. W. Damon, 166 hours labor	33 20
Washington Lincoln, 118 hours labor	23 60
2 horses and cart, 53 hours labor	21 20
Emanuel P. Joseph, 147 hours labor	29 40
2 horses and cart, 147 hours labor	58 80
Frank Damon, 124 hours labor	24 80
Jacob Smith, 102 hours labor	20 40
C. A. Litchfield, 122 hours labor	24 40
2 horses and cart, 137 hours labor	54 80
1 horse and cart, 40 hours labor	8 00
Joseph H. Hatch, 155 hours labor	31 00
2 horses and cart, 155 hours labor	62 00
John Whalen, 166 hours labor	33 20
W. Redpath, 54 hours labor	10 80
Frank Studley, 61 hours labor, at 15 cents	9 15
A. K. Jacobs, 127 hours labor, at 20 cents	25 40
1 horse, 9 hours labor	1 80

E. A. Jacobs, 40 hours labor	$8 00
E. E. Corthell, 50 hours labor	10 00
W. Whalen, 27 hours labor	5 40
Charles Williamson, 42 hours labor	8 40
C. C. Merritt, 41 hours labor	8 20
R. Ellms, 65 hours labor	13 00
	$1,776 00

R. P. Briggs, *Acting Surveyor.*

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

West Ward.

Paid as follows: —

Waldo Jones, for 60 days labor	$120 00
horse and cart, 1,106¾ hours labor	221 35
1 man's labor, 42½ hours	8 50
D. T. Stoddard, 27 hours labor	5 40
horse and cart, 27 hours labor	5 40
B. Loring, 157 hours labor	31 40
horse and cart, 151 hours labor	30 20
T. Sheehan, 80 hours labor	16 00
horse and cart, 80 hours labor	16 00
boy, 1 day labor	75
E. W. Brooks, 80 hours labor	16 00
horse and cart, 169 hours labor	33 80
W. Farrar, 29½ hours labor	5 90
horse and cart, 48 hours labor	9 60
F. Pratt, 5 hours labor	1 00
horse and cart, 10 hours labor	2 00
Israel Vining, 47 hours labor	9 40
horse and cart, 47 hours labor	9 40
N. M. Brooks, 48 hours labor	9 60
oxen and cart, 48 hours labor	12 00
Curtis Bros., 72 hours labor	14 40
horse and cart, 144 hours labor	28 80

W. W. Collamore, 63 hours labor	$12 60
horse and cart, 63 hours labor	12 60
Walter Simmons, 139¾ hours labor	27 95
horse and cart, 14 hours labor	2 80
oxen and cart, 112½ hours labor	28 13
B. R. Jacobs, 20 hours labor	4 00
oxen and cart, 25 hours labor	6 25
Sylvanus Clapp, 72 hours labor	14 40
horse and cart, 144 hours labor	28 80
J. E. Gammon, 72 hours labor	14 40
horse and cart, 144 hours labor	28 80
Alvin T. Baker, 274½ hours labor	54 90
Albion Damon, 465 hours labor	93 00
Simeon Damon, 567 hours labor	113 40
Dennis Gammon, 551 hours labor	110 20
N. G. Whiting, 230½ hours labor	46 10
M. Gammon, 14½ hours labor	2 90
L. Richardson, 3½ hours labor	70
W. Studley, 65 hours labor	9 03
Henry Studley, 546 hours labor	109 20
Frank Studley, 131½ hours labor at 16⅔ cents	38 59
Andrew Clapp, 328 hours labor at 20 cents	65 60
W. A. Smith, 56 hours labor	11 20
J. A. Damon, 3½ days labor at $2.00	7 00
E. W. Gardner and others, for smith work	5 85
Alonzo Stoddard, 54 hours labor at 20 cents	10 80
Daniel D. Sprague, for stone work	17 65
J. F. Damon, 75 hours labor at 20 cents	15 00
Edwin A. Damon, 215½ hours labor	43 10
E. B. Damon, 88 hours labor	17 60
M. Jones, 45 hours labor	9 00
covering stone for 2 bridges	6 00
use of tools and express	1 90
	$1,576 35

WALDO JONES, *Surveyor.*

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

South Ward.

Paid as follows:—

Charles Simmons, for 67 days labor, at $2	$134 00
horse and cart, 831 hours labor	166 20
T. C. Sampson, 166 hours labor, etc.	33 20
I. H. Packard, 284 hours labor	56 80
Richard Smith, 141½ hours labor	28 30
George O. Torrey, 344½ hours labor	68 90
Alonzo Sylvester, 6 hours labor	1 20
Willard Torrey, 1 hour, man and horse	40
George H. Torrey, horse, 1 hour	20
A. B. Chamberlain and team, 32 hours labor	19 20
1 horse, 30 hours labor	6 00
Josiah Chamberlain, 37 hours labor	7 40
M. Stetson, 84 hours labor	16 80
W. Sylvester, 16 hours with team (oxen)	9 60
E. E. Chamberlain, 147 hours labor	29 40
W. S. Simmons, 270 hours labor	54 00
A. Tolman, 70½ hours labor	14 10
J. H. Knapp, 16 hours labor	3 20
O. H. Lake, 125 hours labor	25 00
William Capell, 30 hours labor with horse	12 00
Robert Smith, 8 hours labor	1 60
James Studley, 40 hours labor at 15 cents	6 00
A. Whiting, 28 hours labor at 15 cents	4 20
John Corthell, 189 hours labor	37 80
horse, 108 hours labor	21 60
E. Barstow and team, 41 hours labor (oxen)	22 10
Wales Briggs, 8 hours labor at 20 cents	1 60
John Keough, 119½ hours labor	23 90
W. Briggs, 72 hours labor	14 40
Seth H. Vinal, 222½ hours labor	44 50
L. Cromwell, 53½ hours labor	10 70
team, 50 hours labor	20 00
J. H. Patterson, 55½ hours labor	11 10

C. Smith, 12 hours labor	$2 40
C. E. Simmons, 203 hours labor	40 60
W. Prince, 63 hours labor	12 60
C. H. Merritt, 56 hours labor	11 20
James Smith, 180½ hours labor	36 10
Warren Briggs, 7 hours labor	1 40
E. E. Stetson, 81 hours labor	16 20
team 60 hours labor	24 00
Albert Merritt, 41 hours labor	8 20
J. Barker, 60 hours labor with horse	24 00
C. Pratt, 61 hours labor	12 20
horse, 42 hours labor	8 40
G. Waterman, 5½ hours labor at 15 cents	83
A. Gardner, 28 hours labor	5 60
J. Gardner, 82 hours labor	16 40
J. Tolman, 26 hours labor at 15 cents	3 90
G. Lee, 18 hours labor	3 60
Benjamin Barrell, 107 hours labor	21 40
George Barrell, 77½ hours labor	15 50
H. A. Turner, 12½ hours labor	2 50
horse, 40 hours labor	8 00
C. E. Sylvester, 49½ hours labor	9 90
N. S. Turner, 48½ hours labor	9 70
A. Smith, 4 hours labor	80
A. Turner, 56 hours labor	11 20
J. Leslie, 8 hours labor	1 60
3 stone posts	2 25
	$1,215 88

CHARLES SIMMONS, *Surveyor.*

AMOUNT PAID FOR EXTRA REPAIRS OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

ALSO, FOR ROAD MACHINE, TOOLS, DRAIN PIPE, GRAVEL, AND LABOR.

Ames Plow Co., for tools	$30 32
Higganum Manufacturing Co., for contractor's plow,	15 00

George Tyler, for road machine fixtures	$10 00
Vulcan Road Machine Co., for new machine	140 00
Old Colony R. R., for freight on same	4 06
E. P. Welch & Son, paint for old machine	1 25
Waldo Jones, for cash paid, freight on Little Giant machine	4 62
	$205 25

COST OF REBUILDING ELM STREET BRIDGE.

Charles Simmons, for 2 days labor	$4 00
2 horses and cart, 4 hours labor	1 60
6 bridge stones	5 00
T. C. Sampson, 16 hours labor at 20 cents	3 20
A. Turner, 93½ hours labor and lighting bridge	18 70
J. Chamberlain and team, 16 hours labor	6 40
A. Smith, 16 hours labor	3 20
Charles C. Pratt and team, 16 hours labor	6 40
railing for bridge	75
B. P. Briggs, for 5½ days labor	11 00
covering stone, carting, and sharpening tools	10 70
Elijah Barstow, and team	5 00
Benjamin Barrell, 50 hours labor	10 00
George Barrell, 50 hours labor	10 00
Morris Gammon, 50 hours labor	10 00
Waldo Jones, for 46 feet covering stone	11 50
carting the same	8 00
Henry Studley, 27 hours labor at 20 cents	5 40
D. W. Gammon, 23 hours labor	4 60
J. A. Damon, 5½ days labor at $2.50	13 75
D. D. Sprague, 5 days labor at $3	15 00
3 covering stones	3 00
	$167 20

REBUILDING DRAIN ON RIVER STREET.

Henry A. Turner, for 16½ hours labor	$3 30
horse and cart, 12½ hours labor	2 50

N. S. Turner, 15½ hours labor	$3 10
John Corthell, 15 hours labor and lighting drain	5 00
W. H. Briggs, 7½ hours labor	1 50
George Barrell, 9 hours labor	1 80
Benjamin Barrell, 9 hours labor	1 80
	$19 00

AMOUNT PAID ON ACCOUNT OF STORM, FEB. 27, 1888.

Charles Simmons and team, 8 hours labor, District No. 7	$4 00
J. H. Patterson, 8 hours labor, District No. 7	1 36
W. S. Simmons, 8 hours labor, District No. 7	1 36
B. P. Stetson, 4 hours labor, District No. 7	68
H. A. Turner, 30 hours labor, District No. 7	5 40
N. S. Turner, 23 hours labor, District No. 7	3 45
C. S. Sylvester, 7 hours labor, District No. 7	1 19
Joseph H. Hatch, 30 hours labor, District No. 4	5 40
2 horses and cart 30 hours labor	9 37
C. W. Tilden, for iron work for bridge in District No. 6	2 25
	$34 46

DRAIN PIPE AND GRAVEL.

F. D. Lantz, for drain pipe	$56 76
H. A. Turner, for gravel, South Ward	3 87
J. R. Barker, for gravel, South Ward	5 58
T. J. Tolman, for gravel, South Ward	30 00
E. E. Stetson, for gravel, South Ward	17 82
Laban Wilder, for gravel, West Ward	4 65
Davis D. Damon, for gravel, West Ward	3 84
Rufus Delano, for gravel, West Ward	11 30
A. Stockbridge, for gravel, West Ward	8 04
Charles Groce, for gravel, West Ward	2 46
Bela Jacobs estate, for gravel, West Ward	10 14
Samuel Loring, for gravel, West Ward	72
Joseph H. Hatch, for gravel, East Ward	27 34

E. T. Fogg, for gravel, East Ward	$15 00
Nancy Briggs, for gravel, East Ward	10 92
Edwin A. Turner, for gravel, East Ward	1 00
William S. Hatch, for gravel, East Ward	9 60
George A. Hatch, for gravel, East Ward	9 60
James Greene, for gravel, East Ward	8 14
John Brown, for gravel, East Ward	8 00
James W. Sampson, for gravel, East Ward	8 00
Cushing Hatch, for gravel, East Ward	6 60
A. C. Pincin. for gravel, East Ward	48
Henry F. Ford, for gravel, East Ward	9 90
	$269 76

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows : —

R. P. Briggs, for services as selectman and overseer of the poor, to March 5, 1888	$25 00
Charles Simmons, for same services	20 00
C. A. Litchfield, for same services and writing town report	35 00
Mary J. Turner, for services as school committee	21 00
Emily T. Jacobs, for same services	16 00
C. A. Litchfield, for services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor from March 5 to Dec. 31, 1888, 70 days	140 00
Henry A. Turner, for same services	105 50
Charles C. Young, for same services	100 00
Samuel Tolman, for services as school committee	43 00
Mary E. Curtis, for same services	52 20
Hattie E. Gardner, for same services	44 00
James H. Williams, as registrar of voters	15 00
John H. Prouty, for same services	15 00
Seth Foster, for same services	15 00
E. T. Fogg, for same services and clerk of board	20 00
C. A. Litchfield for extra services, and for cash paid on account of suits in pauper cases	30 00
Henry A. Turner, for same services	3 90

Mary E. Curtis, for school committee expenses	$3 15
C. W. Tilden, for warning town meetings	10 00
H. J. Little, for returning births	1 75
A. J. Litchfield, as collector of taxes	100 76
C. W. Sparrell, for returning deaths	7 50
W. B. Brooks, for services as auditor, 27 days	54 00
	$877 76

EXPENSES ON TALBOT CASE.

Paid Simmons & Pratt, for cash paid expenses	$51 50

EXPENSES ON C. D. MANN CASE.

Paid W. S. Danforth, for copies of deeds	$8 28
Willard Torrey, for cash paid for witness fees and service	112 32
W. L. Burt, as stenographer for Plymouth courts.	116 50
	$237 10

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid as follows: —

Boston School Supply Co., for books	$114 97
Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Co., for books	124 81
Thompson, Brown & Co., for books	2 50
William Ware & Co , for books	63
J. L. Hammett, for books	13 96
Prang Educational Co., for books	1 80
Ginn & Co., for books	20 00
Oliver Ditson, for books	1 20
A. M. Edwards, for books	25 00
G. F. King & Merrill, for books	6 43
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, for books	3 85
Ginn & Co., for books	10 67
Cowperthwait & Co., for books	7 56
Collamore's expenses for expressage	4 40
A. L. Barnes, for books	10 80
	$348 58

TAXES ABATED OR GIVEN UP.

1884.	
E. E. Gunderway . .	$3 65
1885.	
C. E. Hunt	2 41
George H. Lee . . .	2 82
C. P. Sylvester . .	2 77
Alvin D. Vinal . . .	4 35
1886.	
Turner Hatch . . .	2 00
C. R. Barstow . . .	2 48
J. Cooper	2 00
Lorenzo Cromwell .	2 76
C. E. Hunt	$2 00
Henry B. Jacobs . .	2 00
Alvin D. Vinal . . .	4 14
C. E. Smith . . .	2 95
1887.	
Andrew N. Greene .	2 38
Ansel G. Groce . .	2 00
H. Nichols	2 00
C Wilder	6 28
John Bolaski . . .	1 28
Total	$50 27

MILITARY AID.

Paid under Chapter 252.

Michael Spellman .	$80 00	Refunded by the Town of Holliston.
Isaac N. Fitts . .	75 00	Refunded by the Town of Royalston.
C. D. Mann . . .	36 00	One half refunded by the State.
James H. Patterson,	48 00	One half refunded by the State.
Seth H. Vinal . .	44 00	One half refunded by the State.
Samuel Keene . .	72 00	One half refunded by the State.
	$355 00	

Paid under Chapter 301.

Edmund L. Hyland, Co. F, 32d Regt., 12 months aid,	$18 00
Peter W. Mahon, Co. C, 4th Cav., 10 months aid .	60 00
Amanda F. Colman, widow of Elisha Colman of 2d H. A., 12 months aid	24 00
David P. Robinson, Co. K, 7th Regt., 12 months aid,	36 00
Lucy L. Robinson, wife of D. P. Robinson, 12 months aid	36 00

Charles H. Damon, Co. G, 18th Regt., 12 months aid,	$36 00
Ann McKenna, widow of Daniel McKenna, Co. K, 43d Regt., 12 months aid	48 00
T. B. Chapman, Co. G, 39th Regt., 12 months aid,	47 00
Hannah B. Chapman, wife of T. B. Chapman, 12 months aid	48 00
H. M. Raymond, widow of T. A. Raymond, Co. F, 43d Regt., 12 months aid	24 00
Seth O. Fitts, Co. K, 38th Regt., 12 months aid	36 00
Hannah Dover, widow of Edward Dover, Co. G, 18th Regt., 12 months aid	24 00
Mary Spencer, mother of Samuel Spencer, Co. E, 12th Regt., 12 months aid	48 00
Lyman B. Fitts, Co. K, 57th Regt., 12 months aid,	72 00
Mary Monahon, widow of Patrick Monahon, Co. C, 28th Regt., 12 months aid	48 00
Charles D. Barnard, 5th Art., 12 months aid	48 00
Abijah Ewell, Co. G, 18th Regt., 10 months aid	60 00
John Lewis, Co. G, 18th Regt., 12 months aid	48 00
Harriet Jacobs, mother of Gustavus Jacobs, Co. G, 18th Regt., 12 months aid	24 00
Charles E. Bates, Co. G, 38th Regt., 9 months aid,	27 00
Charles David, Co. K, 38th Regt., 4 months aid	12 00
Abby F. Colman, widow of E. F. Colman, 32d Regt., 1 month aid	4 00
	$828 00

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Globe Gas Light Company, for lanterns	$9 00
Dennis W. Gammon, for wood (as by proposals)	9 00
E. P. Welch & Son, for paint	3 20
E. W. Brooks, for repairs	3 50
B. P. Nichols, for repairs	1 75
Edward W. Brooks, for services as janitor	75 00
	$101 45
Cash received by Treasurer for use of hall	$49 70

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

Notes in favor of	
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of June 1, 1879, amount	$1,025 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of June 15, 1879, amount	800 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of July 15, 1879, amount	400 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of June 15, 1882, amount	1,500 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of Aug. 10, 1882, amount	1,000 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of Aug. 15, 1885, amount	750 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of May 6, 1886, amount	900 00
Savings Bank of Norwell, date of June 30, 1887, amount	800 00
Interest on above notes paid to Aug. 1, 1888	$7,175 00
Interest due on above notes from Aug. 1 to Jan. 1, 1889	149 48
Charles W. Sylvester, date of Nov. 27, 1865, amount,	470 00
Harvey T. Sylvester, " Nov. 27, 1865, "	200 00
J. C. Tolman, estate, " Sept. 1, 1876, "	300 00
R. V. C. Turner, estate, " Sept. 1, 1876, "	575 00
Lucy Turner, " Sept. 1, 1885, "	500 00
J. T. Litchfield, estate, " Aug. 3, 1886, "	400 00
J. T. Litchfield, estate, " Nov. 3, 1886, "	600 00
Interest due on above notes to Jan. 1, 1889	46 30
Note in favor of Coffin Fund (not liable to be called for),	2,000 00
Outstanding orders	462 84
	$12,878 62

ASSETS.

Due from State, on account of military aid	$928 00
Due from the State for aid to poor	52 50
Due from towns for aid to poor, and military aid	320 00
Due from Marshfield, on account of repairs to Union Bridge	220 30
Due on Glover Mortgage (Grandison Farm)	700 00
Due from county for School Fund	256 80
Due from State for School Fund (estimated)	210 00
Due on corporation taxes (estimated)	150 00
Taxes outstanding in hands of collectors	2,767 19
Due from Henry Norwell, on account of highways (since paid)	500 00
School books in hands of committee	460 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,323 52
	$7,888 31

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1888.

Personal estate, $199,498; real estate, $673,187.

Rate of taxation, $11.50 on $1,000.

Amount of assessment, including poll taxes, $10,981.71; number of polls assessed, 471; number paying poll tax only, 116; horses, 346; cows, 301; sheep, 6; swine, 60; neat cattle, 87; dwelling-houses, 436.

We have estimated the value of the personal and real estate belonging to the town, as follows:—

Articles belonging to almshouse establishment, consisting of beds and bedding, crockery, furniture, provisions, coal and wood, hay, wagons, stock, etc.	$400 00
2 road machines and road tools	225 00
Hearse,	300 00
Town Hall	5,000 00
7 school-houses	9,000 00
Almshouse establishment, and 7 acres of field land,	3,350 00
Town flats and town landings	150 00
	$18,425 00

LIST OF JURORS,

As prepared by the Selectmen for Acceptance or Revision by the Town.

John S. Barker,
David Stoddard,
George C. Cowing,
Edward M. Gardner,
Charles W. Tilden,
Henry A. Turner,
Alphonzo Reed,
John H. Prouty,
Fred M. Curtis,
Waldo Jones,
James H. Pinkham,
George H. Clapp,
Thomas Barstow,
John Whalen,
Charles W. Groce,
David W. Turner,
David Bassford,
Samuel Tolman,
Charles C. Pratt,
Benjamin B. Poole,
Edwin A. Turner,
William S. Simmons,
William H. Farrar,
George W. Curtis,
Edward M. Sexton,
Webster A. Cushing,
Ebenezer T. Fogg, Jr.,
George W. Griggs,
Richard P. Briggs.

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for: —

Repairs on schoolhouses	$303 44
School teachers	2,093 63
Supplies to out-door poor	1,416 17
Supplies to almshouse	1,507 17
Incidental expenses	1,088 01
Removing snow	84 60
Town officers	877 76
Repairs of highways, road machine, etc.	4,994 14
Drain pipe and gravel	269 76
Expenses in suit, Norwell *v.* Scituate	237 10
Expenses paid on Mary A. Talbot case	51 50
School books	348 58
Orders given for abatement of taxes	50 27

Military aid under Chapter 252	$355 00
Military aid under Chapter 301	828 00
On account of Town Hall	101 45
Wood to school-houses	164 90
Orders drawn on Treasurer	$14,772 02
Outstanding orders	462 84
Amount paid by Treasurer	$14,309 18

The subscribers herewith present to their fellow-citizens a full and comprehensive report of the receipts and expenditures of the town from Jan. 1, 1888, to Jan. 1, 1889, trusting that the same will be found correct and satisfactory. We have also presented the accounts of the assets and liabilities of the town, Jan. 1, 1889, and a schedule of the property belonging to the town, and the valuation as estimated by the Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
HENRY A. TURNER,
CHARLES C. YOUNG,
Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Examined.

WM. B. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD, *in account with the* TOWN OF NORWELL.

DR.

To taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1888, of the		
Assessment of 1884		$55 96
Assessment of 1885		116 26
Assessment of 1886		224 71
Assessment of 1887		1,868 52
		$2,265 45
To assessment of May 1, 1888		10,981 71
		$13,247 16

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*By amount of taxes outstanding of assessment of 1884,	$11 14
By amount of taxes outstanding of assessment of 1885,	36 09
By amount of taxes outstanding of assessment of 1886,	59 39
By amount of taxes outstanding of assessment of 1887,	251 56
By amount of taxes outstanding of assessment of 1888,	2,483 32
Discount for prompt payment of taxes	279 23
	$3,120 73
Amount paid E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, to balance	10,126 43
	$13,247 16

NORWELL, Dec. 31, 1888.

We, the undersigned, a committee chosen by the town, have examined the forgoing accounts of the Collector, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
CHARLES C. YOUNG,
SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH,
Committee.

Examined and found correct.

WMS. B. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

* Settled since Jan. 1.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

For the Year ending Dec. 31, 1888.

E. T. Fogg, *Treasurer*, *in account with the* Town of Norwell.

Dr.

To cash on hand, settlement of Dec. 31, 1887	$2,800 60
To outstanding taxes in hands of officer	25 69
To Dog Fund of 1887 received from the County Treasurer	267 62
Received from Town of Hanover for aid to poor	7 00
To State School Fund of 1887, from State Treasurer	216 32
Received from State for support of poor	60 00
Received from Allen Wright for schooling	3 00
Received from C. W. Sparrell for use of hearse in 1887,	45 00
Received from Town of Holliston for military aid	72 00
Received from Town of Royalston for military aid and support of poor	97 04
Received from sale of fish rights	15 00
Received from the Town of Cohasset for support of poor,	12 00
To Corporation Tax refunded by State Treasurer	2,222 57
To cash received interest on Western mortgages	120 00
Notes, South Scituate Savings Bank	1,800 00
Received for three pedlers' licenses	18 00
Received on H. Glover mortgage, interest	35 00
Received from sale of grass on town flats	18 75
Received from use of the Town Hall	44 00
Received from Temple of Honor for use of hall	5 70
Recived from Henry Norwell on account of highways	2,000 00
National Bank tax refunded by State Treasurer	1,461 67
Military aid refunded by State Treasurer	875 00
Received from C. W. Sparrell for use of hearse, 1888	66 00
Received from Andrew J. Litchfield, Collector of Taxes	10,126 43
	$22,414 39

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By cash paid on Selectmen's orders, bills approved by the School Committee, and town allowances	$14,309 18
By State tax paid	1,409 30
By County tax paid	1,227 78
By Scituate tax paid	10 28
South Scituate Savings Bank notes paid	3,550 00
By interest paid on notes	358 64
By interest paid on Coffin Fund note (paid Selectmen)	100 00
*By outstanding taxes pevious to 1884	25 69
Treasurer's salary	100 00
	$21,090 87
Cash in hands of Treasurer	1,323 52
	$22,414 39

Norwell, Dec. 31, 1888.

The subscribers, a committee appointed by the town, have examined the above accounts of the Treasurer, and found them correctly cast and properly vouched, and a balance due the town of thirteen hundred twenty-three and $\frac{52}{100}$ dollars ($1,323.52).

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
CHARLES C. YOUNG,
SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH,
Committee.

Examined.

Wms. B. Brooks, *Auditor.*

* The above-named taxes have been settled since Jan. 1.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COFFIN POOR FUND.

Amount of Fund . .	$2,000 00	
Balance available Jan. 1, 1888		$14 25
Accrued interest on same to Jan. 1, 1889 . . .		100 56
		$114 81
There has been allowed and paid from the income of the fund as follows: —		
For care of lot in the cemetery		$4 00
To worthy out-door poor		96 00
		$100 00
Cash on hand to balance		14 81
		$114 81

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of Fund . .	$2,000 00	
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1889		$120 00
There has been allowed and paid as follows: —		
Paid to inmates of almshouse		$60 00
To out-door poor		30 00
Cash on hand to balance		30 00
		$120 00

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

Amount of Funds . .	$1,500 00	
Balance available, Jan. 1, 1888		$174 97
Interest accrued to date		66 62
		$241 59
There has been paid for care of lot, painting fence, lawn dressing, flowers, etc.		$25 00
Interest on deposit to balance		216 59
		$241 59

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

JOSSLYN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of Fund . . .	$200 00	
Interest accrued to date		$6 04
There has been paid for care of lot		$3 00
Interest on deposit to balance		3 04
		$6 04

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
H. A. TURNER,
C. C. YOUNG,
Trustees of Coffin, Otis, and Josslyn Funds.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHOSEN BY THE TOWN TO PLACE CURBSTONE, AND BEAUTIFY THE GROUND AROUND THE SOLDIERS' MONUMENT.

Paid as follows:—

Rockport Granite Co., for 190 feet of circle curbing stone, at 80 cents	$152 00
365 feet straight curbing stone, at 60 cents	219 00
88 feet fine cut stone, at $1.25	101 20
J. A. Briggs, for carting 50,785 lbs. stone, at $1 per ton	25 39
E. P. Dwelley, for carting 39,670 lbs. stone, at $1 per ton	19 84
Waldo Jones, for carting 21,090 lbs. stone, at $1 per ton	10 54
Sylvanus Clapp, for carting 17,285 lbs. stone, at $1 per ton	8 64
E. P. Welch & Son, for wharfage	7 10
Charles Howland, for surveying	10 00
Capt. Wyman, for loading stone teams	8 00
R. P. Briggs, for 2 days time at Scituate harbor	4 00
R. P. Briggs, for car fares, and other expenses procuring stone	12 00
34 days labor setting curbing and grading ground,	68 00
Benjamin Barrell, for labor	19 50
George Barrell, for labor	19 50
J. M. Healey, for labor	34 50
David Griffin, for labor	43 25
E. C. Briggs, for labor	1 50
George Sylvester, for labor	56 00
James Gammon, for labor	17 00
William Sylvester, for team work	7 00
Waldo Jones, for team work	9 00
Sylvanus Clapp, for team work	16 00

R. P. & W. S. Briggs, for team work	$30 00
C. W. Tilden, for iron work	8 00
E. P. Welch & Son, for cement	2 00
fertilizer and grass seed	7 00
copper for dowels	3 75
Luther J. Studley, for mason work	5 00
Waldo Jones, for car fare	1 50
	$926 21
Of the above amount, the town appropriated,	$600 00
Ladies' Aid Societies	300 00
Herbert Nash	20 00
Interest accrued	6 00
	$926 00

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD P. BRIGGS,
Committee for the Town.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES.

Registered in Norwell for the Year 1888.

Date.	Names.	Residence.	Where and by whom Married.
Jan. 1	Everett H. Litchfield	South Scituate	Married in Duxbury by Rev. W. H. Branigan.
	Carrie M. Weston	Duxbury	
April 29	Henry T. Gunderway	Norwell	Married in Norwell by Rev. John Tunis.
	Hattie L. Smith	"	
June 17	Elias E. Pratt	Norwood	Married in Holliston by Rev. John Neal.
	Sarah V. Pratt	Norwell	
June 23	Charles G. Ford	"	Married in Hanover by Rev. T. H. Goodwin.
	Lizzie A. Young	"	
July 1	Edward W. Gardner	"	Married in Scituate by Rev. H. A. Whitman.
	Rowena Williams	Hanover	
July 3	William R. Smith	Norwell	Married in Hanover by Rev. W. H. Dowden.
	Clarissa Weatherbee	"	
July 18	Andrew Stockbridge	"	Married in Norwell by Rev. W. H. Fish.
	Ellen J. Willcutt	"	
July 20	Edward G. Whiting	"	Married in Hingham by Rev. Ebenezer Alden.
	Carrie L. Sprague	Hingham	
July 28	Edward A. Jacobs	Norwell	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
	Amy E. Bates	Cohasset	
Aug. 30	Albert T. Farrar	Norwell	Married in South Weymouth by Rev. Jacob Baker.
	Mary E. Williamson	"	
Sept. 1	Frederic H. Kidder	"	Married in East Weymouth by Rev. Albert A. Kidder.
	Gertrude Smith	"	
Sept. 9	Frank A. Delano	Quincy	Married in Hanover by Rev. David B. Ford.
	Fanny P. Henderson	Norwell	
Oct. 16	Ernest L. Leavitt	"	Married in Norwell by Rev. W. H. Fish.
	Augusta Ryan	"	
Nov. 17	Arthur F. Sylvester	Scituate	Married in North Scituate by Rev. Richard Peede.
	Jane F. Richardson	Norwell	
Nov. 24	Oscar W. Lambert	"	Married in Norwell by Rev. Jacob Baker.
	Linda M. Jones	"	
Nov. 29	Cyrus B. Witt	"	Married in Hanover by Rev. W. H. Dowden.
	Etta M. Stoddard	Hanover	
Dec. 1	Charles E. Lincoln	Hingham	Married in Norwell by Rev. W. H. Fish.
	Nellie G. Bates	Norwell	
Dec. 25	J. Frank Willis	Hanson	Married in South Hanson by Rev. Joseph H. Fletcher.
	Harriet Barstow	Norwell	

BIRTHS.

Dates.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
Jan. 5	Willie Norwell Gunderway	Ezekiel E. and Lucy E.
" 9	Flora Estella Burns	John W. and Annie M.
" 11	Ralph Tirrell	Arthur and Mary B.
" 20	Sarah Margaret Monahon	Thomas and Maggie.
Feb. 1	Ethel French Stoddard	Arthur T. and Helen.
" 16	William Joseph Gammon	John and Catharine.
" 24	Harry Whitman Pratt	G. J. and Jennie.
March 3	Millie Gertrude Chamberlain	Everett and Flora.
" 25	Leora Etta Litchfield	Benjamin S. and Mary.
April 8	Harry Hector Casey	Augustus L. and Lucy J.
" 25	Berenice Mary Ainslie	Hatherly E. and Mary H.
May 19	Lottie G. Munnis	Henry L. and Susan M.
" 24	——— Brown	——— Mary Brown.
" 25	Arthur Franklin Richardson	Smith and Mahala.
June 20	Bertram Waldo Litchfield	Waldo and Annie M. S.
Aug. 22	Edna Florence Damon	Edwin A. and Mary E.
" 25	Carrie C. Barstow	Charles R. and Mary.
" 26	Herbert Tilden Hatch	Israel and Josephine.
" 27	Clarence Harrison Cromwell	Lorenzo and Lucy.
Sept. 13	Harold Burton Sexton	Edward M. and Margaret.
" 14	——— Smith	Alden and Lizzie.
Oct. 5	Peter Sheehan	Timothy and Johanna.
" 29	Marion Howard Stoddard	Wallace W. and Cora H.
" 30	——— Osborn	Levi N. and Julia M.
Nov. 7	Francis Hinckley	J. F. and Lucretia.
" 12	Benjamin Harrison Delano	Rufus and Flora.
" 16	Harry Thayer Fogg	Ebenezer T. and Fanny.
" 21	——— Henderson	John P. and Fanny.
" 27	Thomas Henry Barstow	Neil and Emma H.
Dec. 3	Nettie May Joseph	Emanuel P. and Nettie.
" 21	——— Sylvester	Arthur F. and Jane F.
" 24	Henry Burrell Gundsrway	Henry T. and Hattie.

DEATHS.

Date.	Names.	Age.		Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.
		Y.	M.		
Jan. 15	Lydia H. Grose	38	10	Carcinoma	Hingham.
Feb. 15	Edward Gammon	60		Pneumonia	Ireland.
" 19	Lizzie B. Barker	27	3	Consumption	Osterville.
Mch. 12	William D. Rose	53	9	Peritonitis	Bridgton, N. J.
" 20	Walter S. Barker	37	8	Phthisis	South Scituate.
" 20	Clarissa Cushing	74		Softening of brain	Scituate.
" 21	Herbert F. Barrell		5	Congestion of lungs	Brockton.
" 31	John Freeman	77		Cancer	Scituate.
April 9	Nathaniel B. Clapp	72	7	Hemorrhage of kidneys	South Scituate.
May 1	Estella M. Winslow	2	8	Bronchitis	" "
" 25	——— Brown			Hemorrhage	Norwell.
" 28	George F. Studley	21	8	Phthisis	South Scituate.
June 15	Herbert C. Henderson	1	10	Pneumonia	" "
" 23	Sally C. Turner	80	9	Unknown	Scituate.
July 29	Matthew Stetson	71		Cancerous stomach	South Scituate.
Aug. 16	Mary A. Gammon	68		Meningitis	Ireland.
Sept. 13	Mary Barstow	36		Typhoid fever	Charlotte, P. E. I.
" 15	Adeline B. Paterson	51		Consumption	Massachusetts.
" 18	Walter T. Bailey	28		Suicide	Hanover.
Oct. 14	Daniel McDonnell	9	6	Consumption	Charlotte, P. E. I.
" 25	Peter Sylvester	76		Dysentery	South Scituate.
" 20	Henry Curtis	55	8	Heart failure	" "
" 22	Sydney C. Ford	16	11	Meningitis	" "
" 25	Carrie C. Barstow		2	Tuberculosis	Norwell.
Nov. 1	Sarah E. Ellms	52	6	Ulceration of boweis	Weymouth.
" 9	Sarah R. Dyer	60		Cancer	
" 27	Thomas E. Waterman	20	6	Typhoid fever	South Scituate.
Dec. 4.	Elmer E. Thayer	28		Accident	Weymouth.
" 8	Susannah Pratt	70		Cancer of stomach	South Braintree.
" 17	Helen M. Stowell	37	10	Heart disease	South Scituate.
" 17	Sophronia Glover	82	8	Paralysis of brain	Scituate.
" 29	Caroline O. Barstow	75		Old age	"

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Norwell:

At the annual town meeting, held March 5, Mr. Samuel Tolman, Miss Hattie R. Gardner, Mrs. Mary E. Curtis, were chosen School Committee; Mr. Tolman's term being for three years, Mrs. Curtis's, two years, and Miss Gardner's, one year.

The first meeting of the new Committee was held March 15, and the officers chosen were, Mr. Tolman, chairman, and Mrs. Curtis, secretary.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The length of the school year is thirty-eight weeks, divided as follows: winter and spring terms, each thirteen weeks, and fall term of twelve weeks. We have lowered the wages of the teachers in some of the mixed schools, and raised the wages of others who had been doing the same work, and in some cases much more, for less money; especially did we feel that the primary teachers were underpaid, they having the largest schools in town and receiving the least pay.

An appropriation of $3,200 will be sufficient for the coming year.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

It does not seem to be quite understood that all the books, slates, paper, pencils, in fact everything that a pupil needs, are furnished him free of cost, and that it is no small matter to keep enough on hand for 200 pupils, and to see that they have what they need, and at the time when they need it, so it was thought best to have all the school-books and supplies kept by one member of the Committee (instead of each member keeping a few, as heretofore), that member to keep all the schools supplied, and we find the arrangement has been a good one, both for Committee and teachers.

During the vacation your Committee visited every school-house and stamped and numbered all the books. A record of them was then taken, so that we know just how many books of each kind there are in town, and just what school they are in, and if at any time a teacher calls for a number of books, and we do not have them on hand, we can get them from some school having extra copies, and thus save the expense of new ones.

TEACHERS.

Some changes have been made in our corps of teachers, and we now have ten teachers, nine of whom are our own townspeople.

Miss Mabelle K. Remick was engaged to succeed Miss Paulding in District No. 5, but taught only one term, and Miss Nina B. Croning was engaged to teach the fall term, and, meeting with good success, she still continues in her position. At the opening of the spring term, Miss Grace F. Hatch was transferred to District No. 3 from District No. 4, where she has taught ever since, giving good satisfaction. Miss Carrie M. Ford was engaged to fill the vacancy in District No. 4, where she is still teaching.

At the opening of the winter term, Miss Martha W. Brooks was again engaged to take charge of the school in District No. 1, from which position she had resigned on account of sickness. Our other schools continue under the charge of the same efficient teachers.

BUILDINGS.

During the summer vacation all the school-houses were thoroughly cleaned, and all, with the exception of District No. 4, were kalsomined and whitewashed, and we think that now our school-rooms will compare very favorably with those of neighboring towns.

We have taken the liberty to have the school-house in District No. 3 shingled, as it was leaking badly, and had never been shingled since it was built, more than thirty years ago.

At the last annual town meeting seventy-five dollars was appropriated for painting the school-house in District No. 4. The work was thoroughly done in the summer, by Mr. T. A. Lawrence.

HIGH SCHOOL.

According to a vote of the town, a new High School was opened in September, at the school-house in District No. 2.

On July 12, the entrance examination was held. Thirty-one scholars presented themselves for examination, and 30 passed successfully, the average per cent required being 70. Several took the examinations afterwards, being unable to attend on that day, and were also successful.

Our school now numbers 32 scholars. We were very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Edward J. Cox, late of the Haverhill High School, to take charge of our school, he bringing to his work a thorough knowledge of the subjects to be taught, and an excellent method of making them understood by others.

We have now two classes in the school, 18 scholars in the first class, who will graduate in three years, and 14 in the second, who take the entire course and graduate in four years. We feel that the town may well be proud of the High School, and that no voter, especially those who have children, will want it discontinued.

Although most of the scholars come from a distance, the attendance is much better than in the district schools, each one seeming to think it a pleasure rather than a duty to be present.

As an evidence of this fact the register shows a membership of 33, with an average attendance of 32, 16 not absent or tardy during the term.

THE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The Committee have prepared a course of study for these schools, so that although our schools are called *mixed*, they are in fact *graded* schools.

By this course of study the teacher can see just how much is required for each year, and can thus divide the year's work into the work for each term, making a uniformity in the work of the schools such as we have never had before. With the establishment of our High School, the scholars in the district schools seemed to take a fresh start, as they now have something to work FOR, and in no school

have we heard complaints of hard work or long lessons, but rather, "May we study at home so that we can go to the High School next year?" We wish to thank our teachers for the readiness with which they have entered into all our plans for benefiting the schools and for the kindly spirit with which they have received our criticisms.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF EDUCATION:

Have you visited the school in your district this term or this year? Have you visited the High School? In each teacher's register there is kept a record of visitors during the year, we see but very few of your names written therein. If we could only persuade you to visit our schools, *you* would be better satisfied, your children would be pleased, and our teachers would be encouraged. Do not say, "What's the use for me to visit the schools? I should n't know anything about it if I did go; I don't know anything about Latin, algebra, physics, drawing, or history." Just wait a minute before you decide so hastily, and allow us to differ from you a little. Perhaps you do *not* know much about these studies, but you can certainly tell whether the scholars recite well or not, and whether they seem interested in their studies, and if the general appearance of the school is good. Now, do you not see that you *can* visit schools, although you may not be an accomplished scholar, but just a friend of education, and one who has the interest of the schools at heart.

Never discuss what you consider a teacher's faults before your children; for, as surely as you do this, just so surely the school will be injured. Each child has an influence over his neighbor either for or against the teacher; if he hears the teacher well spoken of at home, you may be sure he will do the same at school.

In many cases no fault would be found with the teacher if we stopped to consider how much a teacher has to bear. Fathers and mothers, do you not find it a difficult matter to govern even two children, and have everything go smoothly? Then how much sympathy ought we to have for the teachers, who have children to govern from a dozen different families.

When we first attended school we were taught to "say our letters," and to "print," but now our children are taught to read and to write. It would surprise you to see the good writing done in our schools by scholars between the ages of five and seven years. These scholars are also taught some arithmetic and geography, and something of drawing and physiology, and all this during the first two years of school.

We have spoken more particularly of the primary work, for if the foundation is not well laid the whole school work is likely to be more or less a failure. Now that we have a course of study and our work laid out from day to day, you will readily see the necessity for constant attendance.

Let a scholar be kept away from school for one week for some trifling excuse, he not only injures himself, but keeps the whole class back while he is making up for lost time. Or, we will suppose he goes on with his class, then the first day come up questions the class has had while he was gone, he knows nothing about it, and the teacher has to lose valuable time in explaining what he *should* have known. Therefore, keep the children in school; it is for only six hours out of twenty-four: certainly you can afford to give them one quarter of each day for such an important matter as education.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL TOLMAN.
MARY E. CURTIS.
HATTIE R. GARDNER.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the Year ending April 1, 1888, Being for the Winter Term of Thirteen Weeks.

District No. 1.

Alice Rogers, for teaching	$112 50
Lina F. Stowell, for teaching	78 00
A. C. Jones, for care of rooms	12 00
	$202 50

District No. 2.

Dora Gardner, for teaching	$140 00
Willie Studley, for care of rooms	3 00
	$143 00

District No. 3.

Mary A. Litchfield, for teaching	$91 00

District No. 4.

Grace F. Hatch, for teaching	$91 00
C. S. Merritt, for care of rooms	2 00
	$93 00

District No. 5.

L. R. Paulding, for teaching	$130 00
H. S. Turner, for care of rooms	2 00
	$132 00

District No. 6.

Nellie M. Hatch, for teaching	$71 50
F. H. Henderson, for care of rooms	2 00
	$73 50

District No. 7.

Emily E. Sylvester, for teaching	$117 00
Maria W. Tolman, for teaching	78 00
H. J. Tolman, for care of rooms	10 00
	$205 00

These expenditures were fully met by the available funds.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the Year Ending April 1, 1889, Being for Two Terms, Thirteen Weeks and Twelve Weeks.

District No. 1.

Alice Rogers, for teaching	$225 00
Lina F. Stowell, for teaching	156 00
C. E. Brewster, for wood	2 75
B. R. Jacobs, for wood	2 00
Arthur Jones, for care of rooms	4 00
Henry Damon, care of rooms	4 00
	$420 75

District No. 2.

E. J. Cox, for teaching	$252 63
Dora Gardner, for teaching	238 00
Dennis W. Gammon, for wood	19 00
Gertie Jones, for care of rooms	2 00
Wallace Damon, for care of rooms	4 00
	$515 63

District No. 3.

Grace Hatch, for teaching	$199 00
Andrew Stockbridge, for wood	3 50
B. R. Jacobs, for wood	15 75
Gustavus S. Tolman, for care of rooms	5 00
	$223 25

District No. 4.

Carrie M. Ford, for teaching	$162 50
C. A. Litchfield, for wood	3 00
Andrew Stockbridge, for wood	1 50
John Whalen, for wood	19 00
L. F. Merritt, for care of rooms	2 00
A. F. Merritt, for care of rooms	2 00
	$190 00

District No. 5.

Mabel K. Remick, for teaching	$130 00
Nina B. Croning, for teaching	108 00
John Whalen, for wood	16 45
F. H. Henderson, for care of rooms	4 00
	$258 45

District No. 6.

Nellie M. Hatch, for teaching	$168 50
F. Henderson, for wood	1 00
John Whalen, for wood	16 45
F. H. Henderson, for care of rooms	4 00
	$189 95

District No. 7.

S. M. Buttrick, for teaching	$225 00
Maria W. Tolman, for teaching	156 00
Charles Simmons, for wood	2 50
W. C. Tolman, for wood	35 00
	$418 50

AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Unexpended balance from last year		$333 77
Town appropriation		3,000 00
State School Fund (estimated)		210 00
Dog Tax refunded		256 80
		$3,800 57
Amount expended		2,216 53
		$1,584 04
Teachers' Salaries to April 1, 1889	$1,190 18	
Care of rooms (estimated)	28 00	
		$1,218 18
Balance unexpended		$365 86

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

Schools.	Winter Term, 1887-1888.				Spring Term, 1888.				Fall Term, 1888.			
	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per Cent of Attendance.
No. 1.												
Grammar.....	24	22.2	20.7	93+	25	24.3	21.5	88+	18	18	17.1	95+
Primary.....	34	30.6	25.8	84+	31	28.7	26.4	91+	36	35.8	33.2	92+
No. 2.												
High.....		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33	33	32.1	97+
Mixed.....	23	21.3	18.9	88+	25	20.9	18.2	87+	16	14.6	11.8	80+
No. 3.												
Mixed.....	18	16.3	14.9	91+	28	24.1	19.1	79+	30	28.7	24.7	86+
No. 4.												
Mixed.....	21	19.5	16.3	83+	13	12.7	12	94+	17	16.1	14.7	91+
No. 5.												
Mixed.....	32	26.3	22.6	85+	33	30.6	28.2	92+	25	20.9	19	90+
No. 6.												
Mixed.....	14	13.2	10.4	78+	17	15.9	11.2	70+	17	16.3	14.4	88+
No. 7.												
Grammar.....	23	20.3	17.8	82+	18	15.8	15.6	98+	19	18.2	15.8	86+
Primary.....	24	17.8	12.4	69+	29	24.5	18.1	73+	29	27.2	23.4	86+

COURSE OF STUDY

IN THE

NORWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PRIMARY GRADE.

First Year.

Oral Instruction.— The human body, common objects, colors.

Reading. — From chart, blackboard, and primers by word method. Easy lessons in script reading. Lippincott's Primer, and Sheldon's Primer to page 34.

Spelling.— By sound and by letter.

Number.— Counting from 1 to 100. Combination of numbers from 1 to 10. Learn to make figures.

Drawing.— On slate and blackboard.

Writing.— On slate.

Second Year.

Oral Instruction.— The five senses, forms, common objects.

Reading.— Finish Sheldon's Primer and Lippincott's Second Reader. Lessons in script reading. Teach use of capitals, period, and question-mark.

Spelling.— By sound and by letter from readers. Word Primer to page 12.

Numbers.— Add, subtract, multiply, and divide to 100. Primary arithmetic to page 54.

Drawing.— On slate and blackboard.

Writing.— On slate and paper. Tracing book, No. 2.

Third Year.

Reading.—Sheldon's Second Reader, and Lippincott's Third Reader to page 111. Lessons in script reading, and use of punctuation-marks.

Spelling.—From readers. Word Primer to p. 50.

Numbers.—Finish Primary Arithmetic and take addition in Elementary Arithmetic. Write numbers to 1,000.

Language.—From chart. Oral work.

Geography.—Oral instruction.

Drawing.—From slate and blackboard.

Writing.—No. 1 Copybook, with pencil and pen.

Fourth Year.

Reading.—Finish Lippincott's Third Reader, and take Sheldon's Third to page 111.

Spelling.—From readers. Word Primer, finish, omitting most difficult lessons.

Numbers.—Through division to Section VI.

Geography.—Through Barnes's Geography, with oral work.

Language.—From chart. Oral work.

Drawing.—No. 1 Drawing-book.

Writing.—No. 2 Copybook.

GRAMMAR GRADE.

First Year.

Reading.—Finish Sheldon's Third Reader, and Lippincott's Fourth Reader to page 167.

Spelling.—Word book to page 50. From readers.

Arithmetic.—Elementary Arithmetic from Section VI. to percentage.

Geography.—Harper's Introductory Geography to lesson X., omitting lessons II. and III., then from page 24 to page 80.

Language.—From chart and Language Primer to page 58.

Drawing.—No. 2 Drawing-book.

Writing.—No. 3 Copybook.

Second Year.

Reading.— Finish Lippincott's Fourth and Monroe's Fourth Reader to page 152.

Spelling.— Word book to page 91. From readers.

Arithmetic.— Written Arithmetic to decimals. Colburn's.

Geography.— Harper's Common School Geography to page 44, South Atlantic States.

Language.— Finish Language Primer and work from chart.

History.— Complete Goodrich's Child's History.

Drawing.— No. 3 Drawing-book.

Writing.— No. 4 Copybook.

Third Year.

Reading.— Finish Monroe's Fourth Reader, and Lippincott's Fifth Reader to page 223.

Spelling.— Finish Word book. From readers.

Arithmetic.— From decimals to commission. Colburn's.

Geography.— From South Atlantic States to British Isles.

History.— Scudder's History, Part 1.

Language.— From chart. Language Lessons to Section IV.

Drawing.— No. 4 Drawing-book.

Writing.— No. 5 Copybook.

Fourth Year.

Reading.— Finish Lippincott's Fifth Reader and Sheldon's Fifth Reader.

Spelling.— From blackboard, with definitions.

Arithmetic.— From commission to powers and roots. Finish Colburn's.

Geography.— Finish Harper's Common School.

History.— Scudder's U. S. History, Part 2.

Language.— Finish Language Lessons. Work from chart.

Physiology.— Weekly lessons to Part II.

Drawing.— No. 5 Drawing-book.

Writing.— No. 6 Copybook.

COURSE OF STUDY IN THE NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL.

	FIRST YEAR.	SECOND YEAR.	THIRD YEAR.	FOURTH YEAR.
FIRST TERM.	Arithmetic, U. S. History, Grammar.	Algebra, Physics, Latin, or Ancient History.	Geometry, Chemistry, Latin, or English History.	Astronomy, French, or Physical Geography, Latin, or English Literature.
SECOND TERM.	Arithmetic, U. S. History, } Physiology, } Grammar.	Algebra, Physics, } Book-keeping, } Latin, or Mediæval History.	Geometry, Chemistry, Latin, or English History, } Civil Government. }	Astronomy, } Mental Philosophy, } French, or Physical Geography, Latin. or English Literature.
THIRD TERM.	Arithmetic, Physiology, Grammar.	Algebra, Book-keeping, Latin, or Modern History.	Geometry, Botany, Latin, or Civil Government.	Mental Philosophy, French, or Geology, Latin, or American Authors.
Weekly Study.	Geography.	Business Arithmetic.	Rhetoric.	Rhetoric.

Declamation, Composition, Music, Drawing, Reading, Spelling, Writing, and Gymnastics throughout the course.

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FOR THE YEAR 1889.

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

The same amount of money, namely, $2,500 was raised at the annual meeting in March last, and Henry Norwell, Esq., contributed a like amount.

There has been expended for general repairs $4,657.23, leaving a balance of $342.77, which amount was placed to the credit of the River Street work; the cost of the same having exceeded the town's appropriation of $400.

EXTRA REPAIRS.

The town appropriated $1,200 for building the new section of road on Grove Street, and for widening the street from the junction of Prospect and Grove Streets past the house of Daniel D. Sprague. The new section was let at auction to Alden Briggs to build, for $1,000; the labor being performed under the supervision of Jedediah Dwelly, Esq., who also furnished plans and specifications for the work.

Mr. Briggs, we believe, faithfully performed his part of the contract and has been paid in full for the same.

A portion of the other work has been done by day labor, as the body of the report will show. The new road has, since January 1, been railed; which expense does not appear in this report. An appropriation will be needed to complete the repairs, as ordered by the commissioners.

The repairs of the highway on River Street was let at auction to Mr. A. B. Chamberlain, at thirty cents per yard; the estimated amount of material to be removed being 1,700 yards. The high embankment proved to be of very poor material for a road. Mr. Chamberlain, we believe, faithfully completed his contract; but the road was yet in a very unfinished condition, and it was necessary to expend more money to make it safe and passable through the winter. We feel confident that in the improvements now made, by reducing the grade of the hill, widening the street, and introducing sidewalks, the street has been remodelled in a manner that will meet the approval of the citizens of the town. The amount paid has been $490 on contract, and $301.81 on account of day labor, making $791.81 less $342.97 allowed from the highway appropriation, leaves the amount $448.84. As this street is an important thoroughfare for other towns, we are to petition the county commissioners for an allowance from the county treasury on account of these improvements.

SUPPORT OF POOR.

The past year the almshouse has continued in charge of Mr. C. H. Williston and wife, and they have given good satisfaction. The number of inmates has averaged more than for previous years. By the report of the agent of the State Board of Lunacy and Charity (who has visited all the almshouses in the State) our house is reported as being "clean and tidy; free from vermin; the bedding good; heated by a furnace; and the drainage satisfactory."

The report is one that we ought to be proud of, after reading those of many other towns in the State.

The expense for support of "out-door poor" has been large, as will be seen. Sickness has caused quite a part of. The expense for medical attendance and nursing for George Stetson could not well be avoided; even if he had been an inmate of the almshouse (which he very much objected to), the same expense would have occurred.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 1, 1890.

E. T. FOGG, *in account with the* TOWN OF NORWELL.

DR.

To cash on hand, settlement of Dec. 31, 1888	$1,323 52
Received of Town of Holliston for military aid	96 00
Dog tax refunded	256 80
Notes, South Scituate Savings Bank of Norwell	3,000 00
Town of Carver, for aid to poor	4 00
Town of Rockland, for aid to poor	4 00
Town of Cohasset, for aid to poor	18 00
Town of Royalston, for aid to poor and military aid	127 00
Received of I. H. Vining, on account of taxes	35 00
Town of Duxbury, for aid to poor	59 25
Received State School Fund	345 49
Town of Hubbardston, for aid to poor	2 00
Town of Marshfield, for repairs of Union Bridge	240 54
Henry Norwell, balance of road money of 1888	500 00
Use of Town Hall	33 50
Corporation tax refunded	2,211 06
National bank tax refunded	1,414 67
Received from sale of fishrights	9 25
Interest on Otis Fund notes	120 00
Received of T. Tolman on account of division fence	4 84
Received from State for aid and burial of paupers	51 50
Received of Henry Norwell on account of highways	2,500 00
Note to Maverick National Bank	1,000 00
Sale of grass on town flats	17 50
Received from pedlers' licenses	12 00
Received from Henry Glover (interest)	35 00
State and military aid refunded	926 00
Received from A. J. Litchfield, collector	2,055 96

C. W. Sparrell, for use of hearse	$57 00
Received from E. A. Turner, collector	8,288 13
Outstanding taxes	25 69
	$24,773 70

Cr.

By cash paid on allowances and orders from the Selectmen	$19,553 90
Paid State tax	1,080 00
Paid county tax	1,330 10
Paid note Maverick National Bank	1,000 00
Paid Scituate tax	11 09
Paid interest on notes	569 43
Treasurer's salary	100 00
	$23,644 52
Cash on hand to balance	1,129 18
	$24,773 70

E. T. FOGG, *Treasurer.*

Norwell, Jan. 6, 1890.

This certifies that I have examined the books and accounts, and vouchers for the same, of E. T. Fogg, Treasurer, and have found them correct, showing a balance due the town of eleven hundred and twenty-nine and $\frac{15}{100}$ dollars up to this date.

Wms. B. Brooks,
Auditor.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

E. A. Turner *in account with the* Town of Norwell.

Dr.

To assessment of 1889	$11,019 86

Cr.

By cash paid E. T. Fogg, Treasurer	$8,288 13
Discount for prompt payment	375 71
Abatement	3 55
	$8,667 39
Taxes outstanding Jan. 4, 1890	2,352 47
	$11,019 86

E. A. TURNER, *Collector.*

Jan. 4, 1890.

Examined and found correct.

Wms. B. Brooks, *Auditor.*

Andrew J. Litchfield, *Collector, in account with the* Town of Norwell.

Dr.

To taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1889: —	
Assessments of 1884	$11 14
Assessments of 1885	36 09
Assessments of 1886	59 39
Assessments of 1887	251 56
Assessments of 1888	2,483 32
	$2,841 50

Cr.

By taxes outstanding Jan. 1, 1890 : —	
Assessment of 1886	$10 43
Assessment of 1887	58 79
Assessment of 1888	716 32
By cash paid E. T. Fogg, Treasurer	2,055 96
	$2,841 50

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD,
Collector.

Jan. 6, 1890.

Examined and found correct.

Wms. B. Brooks,
Auditor.

TAXES ABATED.

1880.	
Joshua Mann . . .	$0 32
1882.	
G. Vinal	2 00
R. Clapp	21
1883.	
G. Vinal	2 00
R. Clapp	18
N. Wade	1 24
Davis Cushing . . .	14
Seth Ross, Est. . .	51
1884.	
James I. Sears. . .	11 14
1885.	
B. M. Young, Heirs .	9 08
R. Mann	61
H. T. Gunderway .	3 17
J. Smith, Jr. . . .	2 41
A. C. Sylvester . .	3 43
1886.	
B. M. Young, Heirs .	$8 55
E. E. Gunderway . .	3 33
G. H. Lee	3 14
J. Smith, Jr. . . .	2 00
S. Rose, Heirs. . .	24
1887.	
J. Bolaskey	2 74
R. Cromwell . . .	2 84
A. N. Green . . .	2 42
W. W. Kender . .	2 00
G. H. Lee	85
W. R. Smith, Jr. . .	2 00
A. C. Sylvester . .	2 00
A. G. Groce . . .	2 00
H. B. Jacobs . . .	2 00
F. Jacobs	2 00
E. F. Otis	2 00
W. Slason	2 00
A. D. Vinal . . .	4 10

1887.		R. Stetson, Heirs	$5 25
C. Wilder	$6 72	T. Hatch	2 00
L. Wilder	2 00	1889.	
W. Dorr	2 00	Andrew Green	2 00
C. Sylvester	2 00	Eveline Torrey	5 75
C. Litchfield	2 00		
T. A. Pinson	2 00	Total	$114 37

SUPPLIES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

District No. 1.

Paid as follows: —

Jacob L. Waters, repairs on schoolhouse and pump	$11 75
Hattie R. Gardner, cash paid for repairs	2 66
Wales Brothers, repairs on pump	4 00
Annie F. Sculley, cleaning school-rooms	12 00
	$30 41

District No. 2.

B. P. Nichols, for repairs	$3 75
Eliza Gunderway, cleaning school-rooms	11 00
	$14 75

District No. 3.

Gustavus S. Totman, for repairs	$1 75
Emma R. Totman, cleaning rooms	5 00
	$6 75

District No. 4.

C. C. Merritt, for repairs	$1 00
" " labor and material for bookcase	7 82
John Whalen, repairs and cleaning stovepipe	1 00
George H. Clapp, cleaning yard	2 00
Mary A. Osborn, cleaning school-room	5 00
T. A Lawrence, painting schoolhouse	50 00
	$66 82

District No. 5.

Mary E. Curtis, repairs on clock	$1 00
George Sylvester, repairs and grading yard	75
W. Sylvester, grading yard	1 00
Mary Freeman, cleaning school-room	6 00
	$8 75

District No. 6.

John T. Hatch, cleaning yard	$4 60
Ann Spellman, cleaning school-room	5 50
	$10 10
W. P. Thayer, for mason work on the several school-houses	$16 87
T. R. Lawrence, repairs on black-boards	19 11
Andrew Stockbridge, for cabinet and table for High School	18 60
	$54 58

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Boston School Supply Company, for books	$197 57
A. S. Barnes & Co., for books	58 54
Thorp & Adams Manufacturing Company, for books	55 62
Oliver Ditson & Co., for music paper	2 00
D. C. Heath, for books	11 25
C. F. Stevens & Co., for books	9 72
D. Appleton & Co., for books	23 34
Thomas Hall, for chemicals and supplies	27 31
Educational Company, for books	7 93
Ginn & Co., for books	22 50
J. L. Hammatt, for books	10 73
	$426 51

SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Paid as follows: —

E. J. Cox, for teaching High School				$778 94
Martha W. Brooks, for teaching District			No. 1	342 00
Lina F. Stowell,	"	"	" 1	247 00
Dora A. Gardner,	"	"	" 2	291 50
Grace F. Hatch,	"	"	" 3	324 00
Carrie M. Ford,	"	"	" 4	272 00
Nina B. Croning,	"	"	" 5	207 00
Marion G. Merritt,	"	"	" 5	90 00
Nellie M. Hatch,	"	"	" 6	278 50
S. M. Butterick,	"	"	" 7	342 00
Maria W. Tolman,	"	"	" 7	247 00
				$3,419 94

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS FROM JAN. 1 TO MARCH 1, 1889.

Paid as follows for repairs in South Ward: —

A. B. Chamberlain, 4½ days labor	$9 00
Charles Pratt, 32 hours labor	6 40
32 hours, horse and cart	6 40
Eugene Stetson, 24 hours labor	4 80
24 hours, horse and cart	4 80
Thomas Barstow, 8 hours labor	1 60
8 hours, horse and cart	1 60
J. W. Chamberlain, 32 hours labor	6 40
24 hours, horse and cart	4 80
R. Smith, 54½ hours labor	10 90
Henry Gardner, 8 hours labor	1 60
Charles David, 7 hours labor	1 40
Andrew Turner, 29 hours labor	5 80
I. H. Packard, 20 hours labor	4 00
J. R. Barker, 14 hours labor	2 80
14 hours labor, horse and cart	2 80
	$75 10

A. B Chamberlain, *Surveyor.*

Paid for repairs in West Ward: —

Waldo Jones, for cash paid for bridge stone	$3 00
horse and cart 3 hours	60
John E. Gammon, 2 horses and cart 4 hours	1 60
Simeon Damon, 8 hours labor	1 60
Dennis Gammon, 8 hours labor	1 60
Bela Jacobs heirs, for gravel	24
	$8 64

WALDO JONES, *Surveyor.*

Paid for repairs in East Ward: —

H. L. Studley, 64 hours labor	$12 80
Everett Cushing, 28½ hours labor	5 70
Charles Harris, for labor	1 00
L. J. Ewell, for repairs on Bridge Street	75
J. F. Turner, for railing bridge on Main Street	2 50
	$22 75

R. P. BRIGGS, *Acting Surveyor.*

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

WEST WARD.

Paid as follows: —

R. P. Briggs, 46 days labor	$92 00
2 horses, 231 hours labor	77 00
William Collamore, 98 hours labor	19 60
2 horses, 54 hours labor	18 00
1 horse, 45 hours labor	9 00
John Collamore, 44 hours labor	8 80
1 horse, 44 hours labor	8 80
Luther Bailey, 33 hours labor	6 60
oxen, 46 hours labor	13 80
William Farrar, 158 hours labor	31 60
2 horses, 126 hours labor	42 00
Joseph H. Curtis, 86 hours labor	17 20
2 horses, 105 hours labor	35 00
1 horse, 9 hours labor	1 80

Peleg Curtis, 94 hours labor	$18 80
1 horse, 23 hours labor	4 60
Barton R. Jacobs, 19 hours labor	3 80
oxen, 19 hours labor	5 70
Edwin Jacobs, 18 hours labor	3 60
oxen, 18 hours labor	5 40
John E. Gammon, 75½ hours labor	15 10
2 horses, 75 hours labor	25 17
Walter Simmons, 219 hours labor	43 80
2 horses, 98 hours labor	32 67
oxen, 42 hours labor	12 60
Alvin Vinall, 22 hours labor	4 40
1 horse, 22 hours labor	4 40
C. E. Brewster, 29 hours labor	5 80
1 horse, 57½ hours labor	11 50
Turner Stoddard, 187 hours labor	37 40
1 horse, 9 hours labor	1 80
S. Clapp, 54 hours labor	10 80
2 horses, 54 hours labor	18 00
Charles Berrey, 17 hours labor	3 40
2 horses, 17 hours labor	5 67
Waldo Jones, 135 hours labor	27 00
2 horses, 116 hours labor	38 67
1 horse, 29½ hours labor	5 90
E. W. Brooks, 77 hours labor	15 40
2 horses, 77 hours labor	25 67
Benjamin Loring, 215 hours labor	43 00
2 horses, 111½ hours labor	37 17
Timothy Shehan, 305 hours of labor	61 00
1 horse, 183 hours labor	36 60
James Gammon, 353 hours labor	70 60
Morris Gammon, Jr., 179 hours labor	35 80
George Church, 53 hours labor	10 60
W. Magoun, 27 hours labor	5 40
Hiram Damon, 136 hours labor	27 20
Alden Damon, 102 hours labor	20 40
W. S. Briggs, 51 hours labor	10 20
E. C. Briggs, 172 hours labor	34 40
Arthur Sanborn, 23 hours labor	4 60

Andrew Clapp, 124 hours labor	$24 80
M. Jones, 213½ hours labor	42 70
Allie Jones, 9 hours labor	1 80
F. Jones, 26 hours labor	5 20
B. Richardson, 21 hours labor	4 20
Alonzo Stoddard, 9 hours labor	1 80
W. Morse, 97 hours labor	19 40
George Bates, 90½ hours labor	18 10
H. Penniman, 54 hours labor	10 80
Alpheus Thomas, 160½ hours labor	32 10
Benjamin Barrell, 60 hours labor	12 00
Austin Stoddard, 14 hours labor	2 80
Charles Baker, 85 hours labor	17 00
Alvin Baker, 61 hours labor	12 20
C. E. Lincoln, 79 hours labor	15 80
F. Stanley, 25 hours labor	5 00
Willie Studley, 61 hours labor	9 15
Simeon Damon, 95½ hours labor	19 10
Ensign Damon, 47 hours labor	9 40
Daniel Sprague, for labor	5 60
P. Williamson, 94½ hours labor	18 90
John Stockbridge, 21 hours labor	4 20
Israel Vining, 263 hours labor	52 60
Andrew Greene, 15 hours labor	3 00
Joshua Bailey, 14 hours labor	2 80
Samuel Loring, 59½ hours labor	11 90
Dexter Willcutt, 20 hours labor	4 00
Morris Gammon, 184½ hours labor	36 90
Joshua Bowker, 40 hours labor	8 00
Rufus Winslow, 28 hours labor	5 60
John E. Groce, 5 hours labor	1 00
	$1,583 07

R. P. Briggs, *Surveyor.*

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

East Ward.

R. P. Briggs, 40 days labor	$80 00
2 horses, 126 hours	42 00
E. P. Joseph, 304½ hours labor	60 90
2 horses, 213 hours	70 99
1 horse, 4 hours	80
man, 150½ hours	30 10
blasting and use of plough	5 00
C. A. Litchfield, 79 hours labor	15 80
2 horses, 71 hours	23 67
Joseph H. Hatch, 118½ hours labor	23 70
2 horses, 108½ hours	36 17
1 horse, 10 hours	2 00
John Whalen, 181½ hours labor	36 30
2 horses, 130 hours	43 33
1 horse, 6 hours	1 20
Henry T. Jenkins, 49½ hours labor	9 90
2 horses, 49½ hours	16 50
C. W. Sparrell, 55 hours labor	11 00
2 horses, 45 hours	15 00
1 horse, 5 hours	1 00
Albert Henderson, 24 hours labor	4 00
2 horses, 24 hours	8 00
W. Sylvester, 49 hours labor	9 80
oxen, 49 hours	14 70
John Turner, 101 hours labor	20 20
oxen, 76 hours	22 80
Carlton Litchfield, 44 hours labor	8 80
2 horses, 48 hours	16 00
W. Lincoln, 80 hours labor	16 00
1 horse, 70 hours	12 53
W. R. Vinall, 169 hours labor	33 90
1 horse, 109½ hours	20 43
C. C. Merritt, 117 hours labor	23 40
1 horse, 51 hours	10 20
James Greene, 51 hours labor	10 20
1 horse, 51 hours	10 20

A. K. Jacobs, 59 hours labor	$11 80
2 horses, 4 hours	1 33
1 horse, 44 hours	8 80
A. C. Pincin, 46 hours labor	9 20
1 horse, 20 hours	4 00
James L. Litchfield, 20 hours labor	4 00
2 horses, 40½ hours	13 50
E. M. Sexton, 109 hours labor	21 80
2 horses, 109 hours	36 33
Charles Berrey, 81 hours labor	16 20
2 horses, 45 hours	15 00
James W. Sampson, 78 hours labor	15 60
2 horses, 49 hours	16 33
John Brown, 111 hours labor	22 20
2 horses, 37 hours	12 33
D. W. Turner, 64 hours labor	12 80
2 horses, 32 hours	10 67
Jonathan Hatch, 190 hours labor	38 00
2 horses, 45 hours	15 00
oxen, 69 hours	20 70
George Hatch, 12 hours labor	2 40
2 horses, 12 hours	4 00
George S. Hatch, 181 hours labor	36 20
2 horses, 39 hours	13 00
A. C. Tilden, 50 hours labor	8 33
2 horses, 32 hours	10 67
1 horse, 17 hours	3 40
B. Barrell, 266 hours labor	53 20
Jarius M. Healey, 192 hours labor	38 40
James Gammon, 162 hours labor	32 40
George Sylvester, 119 hours labor	23 80
John T. Hatch, 153½ hours labor	30 70
B. W. Jacobs, 162 hours labor	32 40
David Griffin, 264 hours labor	52 80
W. Sylvester, 128 hours labor	25 60
John Leslie, 240½ hours labor	48 10
A. T. Litchfield, 114 hours labor	22 80
E. A. Jacobs, 179½ hours labor	35 90
George Barrell, 81 hours labor	16 20
Henry Damon, 66½ hours labor	13 30

Caleb Litchfield, 93 hours labor	$18 60
Harry J. Litchfield, 83½ hours labor	16 70
R. Ellms, 86 hours labor	17 20
George Merritt, 81 hours labor	12 15
A. Black, 60 hours labor	12 00
E. H. Litchfield, 52 hours labor	10 40
Henry Litchfield, 63 hours labor	12 60
J. F. Turner, 72 hours labor	14 40
Morris Gammon, Jr , 45 hours labor	9 00
John Tilden, 73 hours labor	14 60
Oscar Pincin, 40 hours labor	6 67
O. B. Litchfield, 37 hours labor	7 40
Job L. Ellms, 36 hours labor	7 20
John Leavitt, 45 hours labor	9 00
Lincoln Ellms, 20 hours labor	4 00
Walter Jacobs, 24 hours labor	4 80
Edward Jacobs, 16 hours labor	3 20
Laban Bates, 16 hours labor	3 20
John Litchfield, 9 hours labor	1 80
C. Hyland, 9 hours labor	1 80
Arthur Powers, 7½ hours labor	1 50
W. Morse, 64 hours labor	12 80
Charles Tucker, 69 hours labor	13 80
Charles Hines, 8 hours labor	1 60
Liba Litchfield, 16 hours labor	3 20
Percy Ford, 1 day's labor	75
S. M. Osborne, for labor	2 35
D. Ewell, 2½ hours labor	50
Charles Hatch, for labor	2 40
Alpheus Thomas, for curbing stone	7 00
	$1,808 39

R. P. Briggs, *Acting Surveyor.*

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

South Ward.

Paid as follows:—

A. B. Chamberlain, 45½ days labor	$91 00
2 horses, 178 hours labor	59 32
1 horse, 383 hours labor	76 60
J. R. Barker, 105½ hours labor	21 10
1 horse, 105½ hours labor	21 10
L. Cromwell, 57 hours labor	11 40
2 horses, 57 hours labor	19 00
Henry A. Turner, 339¼ hours labor	67 85
1 horse, 36¼ hours labor	7 25
Charles Simmons, 79½ hours labor	15 90
2 horses, 68½ hours labor	22 83
C. E. Simmons, 11 hours labor	2 20
2 horses, 10 hours labor	3 33
John Corthell, 215½ hours labor	43 10
W. S. Simmons, 12 hours labor	2 40
B. Barrell, 117 hours labor	23 40
J. W. Chamberlain, 307 hours labor	61 40
George Barrell, 25 hours labor	5 00
George O. Torrey, 85½ hours labor	17 10
William Capell, 70 hours labor	14 00
1 horse, 56 hours labor	11 20
I. H. Packard, 461½ hours labor	92 30
Thomas O'Donnell, 56 hours labor	11 20
O. H. Lake, 121½ hours labor	24 30
Charles David, 208½ hours labor	41 70
James Studley, 85½ hours labor	17 10
Arthur Smith, 67½ hours labor	13 50
Thomas Hunt, 226 hours labor	45 20
James Smith, 134 hours labor	26 80
John Keough, 69½ hours labor	13 90
Austin Stoddard, 120 hours labor	24 00
Thomas Tolman, 65 hours labor	13 00
Charles Hunt, 148 hours labor	29 60
John Knapp, 44 hours labor	8 80
1 horse, 44 hours labor	8 80

Andrew Turner, 125 hours labor	$25 00
Thomas C. Sampson, 88 hours labor	17 60
Eugene Stetson, 58 hours labor	11 60
1 horse, 32 hours labor	6 40
C. R. Barstow, 32 hours labor	6 40
S. C. Cudworth, 7½ hours labor	1 50
boy's labor, 6½ days	6 50
1 horse, 53 hours labor	10 60
Elijah Barstow, 54 hours labor	10 80
oxen, 54 hours labor	16 20
Charles Pratt, 96 hours labor	19 20
1 horse, 96 hours labor	19 20
Richard Smith, 147 hours	29 40
Robert Smith, 16 hours labor	3 20
John Barker, 45 hours labor	9 00
	$1,159 28

A. B. Chamberlain, *Surveyor.*

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF REPAIRS ON BARRELL LANE.

Town Appropriation, $100.00.

George O. Torrey, 49 hours labor	$9 80
Henry A. Turner, 53 hours labor	10 60
Walter Briggs, 33 hours labor	6 60
Lorenzo Cromwell, 37 hours labor	7 40
37 hours, 2 horses	12 33
Samuel C. Cudworth, 4½ days labor	4 50
O. H. Lake, 21 hours labor	4 20
Howard Packard, 17 hours labor	3 20
A. B. Chamberlain, 6 days labor	12 00
24 hours, horse and cart	4 80
sharpening drills	25
John Keough, 45 hours labor	9 00
51 hours mowing bushes	10 20
	$95 08

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF BUILDING NEW SECTION OF HIGHWAY ON GROVE STREET.

TOWN APPROPRIATION, $1,200.00.

Alden Briggs, as per contract	$1,000 00
E. A. Damon, for care and lighting street	16 00
Daniel D. Sprague, 13½ days labor	27 00
92 hours, horse and cart	18 40
Walter Simmons and man, 156 hours labor	31 20
2 horses and cart, 36 hours	12 00
oxen, 48 hours	14 40
B. Richardson, 92 hours labor	18 40
Andrew Clapp, 32 hours labor	6 40
Waldo Jones, horse and cart, 32 hours	6 40
Albion Damon, 32 hours labor	6 40
Alden Damon, 24 hours labor	4 80
Alvin Vinall, 52 hours labor	10 40
Charles Hackett, 12 hours labor	2 40
Rufus Winslow, 32 hours labor	6 40
B. Barrell, 16 hours labor	3 20
Ensign B. Damon, 112 hours labor	22 40
William Morse, 32 hours labor	6 40
	$1,212 60

PAID FOR LABOR ON RIVER STREET AS ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

APPROPRIATION, $400.00.

Paid A. B. Chamberlain, on account of contract	$490 00

The following amounts have been paid for day labor on the same section of road: —

John Corthell, 112 hours labor	22 40
Charles Hunt, 104 hours labor	20 80
James Smith, 104 hours labor	20 80
George Barrell, 104 hours labor	20 80
Thomas O'Donnell, 104 hours labor	20 80
Charles David, 100 hours labor	20 00

Howard Packard, 104 hours labor	$20 80
James Studley, 104 hours labor	20 80
Austin Stoddard, 104 hours labor	20 80
Eugene Stetson, 24 hours labor	4 80
Thomas Sampson, 24 hours labor	4 80
Charles C. Pratt, 30½ hours labor	6 10
1 horse and cart, 30½ hours	6 10
J. R. Barker, 29 hours labor	5 80
1 horse, 29 hours labor	5 80
Lorenzo Cromwell, 16 hours labor	3 20
2 horses, 16 hours labor	5 33
Elijah Barstow, oxen, 3½ hours labor	1 05
A. B. Chamberlain, 11½ days labor	23 00
2 horses, 71½ hours labor	23 83
1 horse, 140 hours labor	28 00
	$795 81
Cr. by material sold	4 00
	$791 81
Less balance of highway appropriation	342 97
	$448 84

Paid for gravel, drain pipe, etc.: —

J. R. Barker, for gravel, South Ward	$50 76
L. Barrican, for gravel, South Ward	6 30
G. T. Tolman, for repair of road tools, South Ward	1 60
M. Little, for road tools, South Ward	6 75
B. Loring, for gravel, West Ward	9 30
F. Stanley, for gravel, West Ward	6 00
S. Loring, for gravel, West Ward	7 40
Henry Shute, for gravel, West Ward	72
Mrs. Gardner, for gravel, West Ward	4 32
J. Brown, for gravel, West Ward	14 00
L. Wilder (Heirs), for gravel, West Ward	21 00
Bela T. Jacobs (Heirs), for gravel, West Ward	15 00
Andrew Stockbridge, for gravel, West Ward	7 50
J. H. Hatch, for gravel, East Ward	19 02
W. O. Clapp, for gravel, East Ward	2 88
T. J. Studley, for gravel, East Ward	44

E. A. Turner, for gravel. East Ward	$10 08
James Greene, for gravel, East Ward	21 22
Henry F. Ford, for gravel, East Ward	9 38
Clarance Litchfield, for gravel, East Ward	2 88
E. T. Fogg, for gravel	12 00
W. S. Hatch, for gravel	10 80
Mrs. Studley, for gravel	5 92
J. W. Sampson, for gravel	9 60
C. A. Peterson, for drain pipe	15 51
David W. Lewis, for drain pipe	32 89
E. P. Reed & Co., for drain pipe	6 44
F. D. Lantz, for drain pipe	59 11
Vulcan Road Machine Company, for machine fixtures	16 60
Old Colony R. R., for freight	2 82
Waldo Jones, for cash paid on account of returning Little Giant Road Machine	28 21
Melvin Little, for lanterns and oil on account of lighting Elm Street bridge, 1888	2 73
	$419 18

Paid on account of removing snow : —

Waldo Jones, 4½ hours, with horse	$2 25
Henry Main, 2 hours, with horse	1 00
Curtis Brothers, 3½ hours, with team	1 63
W. R. Vinall, 3 hours, with horse	1 50
John Whalen, 5 hours, with team	2 50
E. A. Jacobs, 3 hours labor	75
Lincoln Ellms, 2 hours, with team	1 00
Thomas Barstow, for building snow plough	12 15
	$22 78

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid as follows :—

Mary E. Curtis, for services as school committee	$64 50
Hattie B. Gardner, for same services	58 00
C. C. Young, for service as selectman, overseer of the poor, to March 5, 1889	28 50
Henry A. Turner, for same services	29 00
C. A. Litchfield, for same services and preparing report	35 00

James H. Pinkham, for services as teller at meeting of amendment to the constitution, April 22	$3 00
James H. Williams, for same services	3 00
George C. Cowing, for same services	3 00
Arthur L. Power, for same services	3 00
C. A. Litchfield, for services as selectman, assessor, and overseer of the poor, from March 5 to Jan. 1, 1890	120 00
services on duplicate valuation books	10 00
services and expenses to Boston on corporation taxes	4 00
C. C. Young, for same services	125 00
Thomas Barstow, for same services	110 00
Williams B. Brooks, for services as auditor	52 00
S. C. Cudworth, for settling with treasurer, Jan, 1. 1889,	1 00
C. W. Tilden, for warning town meetings, and officers,	17 00
Alpheus Thomas, for services as ballot clerk at the November election	3 09
John Whalen, for same services	3 00
Joseph H. Corthell, for same services	3 00
Israel Hatch, for same services	3 00
E. T. Fogg, for services as registrar of voters and clerk of the Board	20 00
John H. Prouty, for services as registrar	15 00
Seth Foster, for same services	15 00
Edward M. Sexton, for same services	15 00
E. T. Fogg, for recording marriages, births, and deaths	24 75
C. W. Sparrell, for returning births	9 50
Dr. H. J. Little, returning births	1 50
	$778 75

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

Paid as follows: —

E. W. Brooks, as janitor	$75 00
B. P. Nichols, for repairs	1 25
Sears & Co., for oil	6 05
	$82 30
Cash received for use of hall	33 50
Balance against the hall	$48 80

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid as follows: —

John F. Turner, for repairs on pump and grading around the same in District 6	$8 00
F. H. Miller, for printing handbills and envelopes	4 50
E. T. Fogg, cash paid for tally-sheets for election	1 00
Pratt Bros., for printing wood posters and assessors' notices	2 50
Town of Pembroke, for seeding ponds with alewives	8 92
Thomas Groome & Co., for tax collector's book	2 25
C. E. Peirce, for order book, account book, and dog licenses	8 50
T. Barstow, for cash paid for selectmen's notices	75
Alfred Mudge & Son, printing town reports and transcripts	95 35
George Sylvester, labor and care of monument grounds	13 70
Little, Brown & Co., for Herrick's town officer	3 00
Avery & Doten, for printing town orders	5 00
Parmenus Peirce, for services in Winslow and Beach case	8 50
C. W. Tilden, for labor on snow plow and hearse	9 75
South Shore Herald, for printing tax bills and postals,	8 00
Thomas Barstow, for material and labor on voting booths	29 35
C. H. Williston, cash paid for 297 woodchucks	74 25
Simmons & Pratt, on account of legal services	100 00
Seth Foster, expressage and for cash paid	35 47
Parmenus Peirce, cash paid for services in liquor cases,	63 00
Colburn Bros., for stationery	75
	$482 54

SUPPLIES TO ALMSHOUSE.

Paid as follows: —

Charles H. Williston, as superintendent	$300 00
Edwin A. Turner, for supplies	13 95
N. M. Brooks, for swine	10 00
Litchfield & Curtis, for supplies	169 43

A. W. Faxon, for dry goods	$27 33
Whitney, Clough & Co., for meat	11 56
S. W. Eastman, for tinware	9 78
Cobb, Bates & Yerxa, for groceries	13 00
A. C. Pincin, for meat	54 63
B. W. Jacobs, for filing saws	1 00
Thomas Tolman, for supplies	126 81
W. H. Richardson, for meat and vegetables	38 17
Joseph Merritt, for smith work	30 36
Luther J. Studley, for mason work	4 55
H. W. Spurr & Co., for groceries	64 57
George E. Bates, for meat	90 79
Cutter & Parker, for window blinds	24 81
C. W. Tilden, for horse hire	16 25
J. H. Corthell, for meat	103 57
Wheeler & Co., for meat	6 85
Sears & Co., for groceries	80 38
C. A. Litchfield & Co., for fertilizers and vegetables	23 77
Shepard, Norwell & Co., for dry goods	5 61
Crocker & Eldridge, for groceries	32 31
Old Colony Railroad Company, for freight	89
W. P. B. Brooks & Co., for furniture	2 50
S. C. Bowdlear & Co , for flour	12 00
E. C. Hatch, for bread	5 86
J. A. Torrey, for soap	6 05
W. S. & R. P. Briggs, for ice	9 00
J. H Ford, for fresh fish	21 92
Fowle, Hibbard & Co., for supplies	2 91
E. P. Welch & Son, for lumber and supplies for sheds,	96 74
C. W. Sparrell, for wood	29 25
John Whalen, for cedar posts for sheds	2 00
Collamore's Express, for freight	1 00
Carlton Pincin, for meadow hay	6 42
E. T. Fogg, for insurance on almshouse property	30 60
C. C. Merritt, for carpenter work	23 56
C. H. Williston, for supplies	24 05
Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	45 60
C. W. Sparrell, for burial of Mary Williams	20 00
	$1,599 83

ALMSHOUSE CREDIT.

Military aid due from State	$58 50
Sale of articles by superintendent	14 60
Received from W. H. Litchfield for board of Cushing Litchfield	63 96
Board and lodging of tramps	15 00
Due from Hingham for board of Isabell Beach and child	76 50
	$228 56
Board of inmates to balance cost	1,371 27
	$1,599 83

SUPPLIES TO OUT-DOOR POOR.

Paid on account of E. M. Magoun:	
Charles E. Lincoln, for board of same	$162 75
E. W. Whiting, for clothing	6 50
C. C. Young, for cash paid for clothing	20 37
Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	1 50
Paid on account of W. R. Smith, Jr., and family:	
Melvin Little, for supplies	140 63
Paid on account of A. C. Sylvester's family:	
Charles E. Sylvester, for wood	16 00
Cummings & Litchfield, for supplies	24 41
Litchfield & Curtis, for groceries	35 50
Dr. H. L. Sweeney, for medical attendance	10 00
Paid on account of George W. Smith and family:	
Town of Hanover, for aid	38 99
Paid on account of Arabella Winslow:	
Town of Weymouth, for aid	2 00
Paid on account of Bridget Shea, Taunton Hospital for board	170 09
Paid on account of George A. Gardner, Taunton Hospital for board	170 09

Paid on account of Joseph Harvey, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for board	$109 20
Paid on account of Gustavus S. Totman and family:	
Henry F. Ford, for supplies	60 00
Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	5 00
Paid on account of Charles F. Talbot and family, Dr. H. L. Sweeney for medical attendance	10 00
Paid on account of George Stetson:	
Sylvanus Clapp, for supplies	31 50
John M. Knapp, as nurse	81 00
Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance and supplies	211 25
C. H. Sparrell, for burial	23 00
Paid on account of Mary A. Bruce and family:	
Alpheus Damon, for supplies	96 00
W. H. Farrar, for fuel	2 50
Paid on account of B. T. Lee, town of Hanover, for supplies	41 25
Paid on account of Augustus Casey, Dr. H. L. Sweeney, for medical attendance	9 00
Paid on account of children of Rufus Winslow, H. F. Ford, for supplies	3 00
Paid on account of Susan Cromwell, Litchfield & Curtis, for supplies	17 00
Paid on account of Neal Barstow and family:	
Litchfield & Curtis, for supplies	24 00
Melvin Little, for supplies	36 00
Dr. H. L. Sweeney, for medical attendance	12 00
Paid on account of H. W. Winslow, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	4 00
Paid on account of John Enolds and family, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	1 00
Paid on account of Henry L. Bates's family, Walter Simmons, for fuel	9 00
Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	13 00
R. H. Killam, for supplies	30 33
Paid on account of F. L. Stoddard and family, town of Rockland, for supplies	19 50
Paid on account of Andrew Greene, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	6 00

Paid on account of Joanna Keene, town of Hanover, for supplies	$61 00
Paid on account of children of Henry Litchfield, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	1 00
Paid on account of Mary Barstow, C. W. Sparrell, for burial	20 00
For burial of child	8 00
Paid on account of Catherine G. Hill, city of Brockton, for aid	123 00
Paid on account of Thomas H. Gardner and family, John S. Brooks, for supplies	63 89
Paid on account of Clark De Witt and family, W. S. & R. P. Briggs, for fuel	10 90
Paid on account of W. T. Hunt and family, town of Hanover, for supplies	63 96
Dr. H. L. Sweeney, for medical attendance	76 50
Paid on account of Michael Spellman, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	9 00
Paid on account of Lyman B. Fitts and family, Dr. H. J. Little, for medical attendance	41 00
	$2,126 61

MILITARY AID.

Paid as Follows, Under Chapter 252.

Michael Spellman	$96 00	Refunded by the Town of Holliston.
Isaac Fitts	72 00	Refunded by the Town of Royalston.
George A. Hatch	12 00	One half refunded by the State.
Henry Corlew	45 00	One half refunded by the State.
Charles R. Humphry	48 00	One half refunded by the State.
James H. Patterson	48 00	One half refunded by the State.
Seth H. Vinall	60 00	One half refunded by the State.
Samuel Keene	72 00	One half refunded by the State.
	$453 00	

PAID UNDER CHAPTER 301.

Emily Damon	$20 00	Harriet J. Apts	$24 00
Seth H. Vinal and wife	14 00	Amanda F. Colman	24 00
E. L. Hyland	18 00	Charles H. Damon	38 00
D. P. Robinson and wife	72 00	T. B. Chapman and wife	96 00
Ann McKenna	48 00	Seth O. Fitts	36 00
Hannah M. Raymond	24 00	Mary Spencer	32 00
Hannah Dover	24 00	Mary Monahan	48 00
Lyman B. Fitts	72 00	John Lewis	8 00
Charles D. Barnard	48 00	Charles David	36 00
Harriet Jacobs	24 00		
Charles H. Farrar	30 00		$736 00

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for —	
School books	$426 51
Taxes abated and given up	114 37
Wood for schoolhouses	144 64
Repairs of schoolhouses, cleaning rooms, etc.	247 66
Town officers	778 75
Repairs on highways	4,657 23
Extra repairs on roads	2,099 49
Gravel, drain pipe, etc.	419 18
Removing snow	22 78
Town Hall	82 30
Incidental expenses	482 54
Supplies to almshouse	1,599 83
Supplies to out-door poor	2,126 61
State and military aid	1,189 00
Salaries of school teachers	3,419 94
	$17,810 83

NORWELL, Feb. 7, 1890.

This certifies that I have examined and approved all bills and accounts presented against the town, and have found the same correct.

WMS. B. BROOKS, *Auditor.*

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities.

Notes in favor of: —		
Savings Bank of Norwell	$10,175	00
Interest due to Jan. 1, 1890, on above	243	23
C. W. Sylvester (note)	470	00
H. T. Sylvester (note)	200	00
J. C. Tolman, heirs (note)	300	00
R. V. C. Turner, heirs (note)	575	00
Lucy Turner (note)	500	00
J. T. Litchfield, heirs (note)	1,000	00
Interest due on above	79	80
Outstanding orders (estimated)	200	00
	$13,743	03
Coffin Fund note (not liable to be called for)	2,000	00
	$15,743	03

Assets of the Town.

State School Fund (estimated)	$210	00
County School Fund (estimated)	250	00
Due on Glover mortgage (Grandison farm)	700	00
School books in hands of committee	460	00
Due from State for military and State aid	878	50
Due from State for aid to poor	187	50
Due from town for aid to poor and military aid	511	81
Due on corporation taxes	100	00
Cash in hands of treasurer	1,129	18
Taxes outstanding in hands of collectors	3,138	01
	$7,595	00

As will be seen, there has been quite an increase in the debt of the town the past year. The appropriation for schools being $3,200; while there has actually been drawn from the treasury from Jan. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890, $4,238.75 on account of school

expenses. There was also paid for repairs of Grove Street, $1,212.60; River Street, $449.04, and Barrell Lane $95.08. A total of nearly $3,000 expended for which no money was raised.

VALUATION MAY 1, 1889.

Real estate	$676,533
Personal estate	200,016
	$876,549

Amount of assessment, $11,019.86.

Rate, $11.50 on $1,000.

Polls, 475; number paying poll tax only, 131; horses, 368; cows, 283; swine, 67; neat cattle, 88; dwelling-houses, 439.

LIST OF JURORS,

As Prepared by the Selectmen for the Acceptance or Revision by the Town at its Annual Town Meeting.

John S. Barker,
E. M. Gardner,
E. A. Turner,
David Bassford,
David Stoddard,
George H. Clapp,
John H. Prouty,
J. H. Hatch,
T. B. Waterman,
Seth Foster,
C. W. Tilden,
W. S. Simmons,
George C. Cowing,
Israel Hatch,
J. H. Pinkham,
W. H. Farrar,
A. J. Litchfield,
F. L. Hammond,
H. F. Ford,
George W. Curtis,
A. B. Chamberlain,
B. B. Poole,
E. T. Fogg, Jr.,
Waldo Jones,
William Capell,
George W. Griggs,
H. A. Turner,
R. P. Briggs,
Webster A. Cushing.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. LITCHFIELD,
CHARLES C. YOUNG,
THOMAS BARSTOW,

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COFFIN POOR FUND.

Balance available Jan. 1, 1889 . . .	$14 81	
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1890 . .	100 00	
		$114 81
There has been paid as follows: —		
For care of the lot in cemetery . . .	$4 00	
For lawn dressing	3 00	
Expenses on account of out-door poor .	93 00	
Cash on hand to balance	14 81	
		$114 81

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

Amount of Fund . . .	$2,000	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1889 . . .	$30 00	
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1890 . . .	120 00	
		$150 00
There has been paid as follows: —		
To the inmates of the almshouse . . .	$60 00	
Expenses on account of out-door poor .	67 75	
Cash on hand to balance	22 25	
		$150 00

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

A. T. OTIS CEMETERY AND TOMB FUNDS.

AMOUNT OF FUNDS . . .	$1,500	
Amount available, Jan. 1, 1889 . . .	$216 59	
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1890 . . .	44 71	
		$261 30
There has been paid for flowers, care of lot, etc.	$14 10	
McGrath Brothers, for stone work . .	240 00	
Cash on hand to balance	7 20	
		$261 30

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

JOSSLYN CEMETERY FUND.

Amount of Fund	$200	
Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1889 . . .	$3 04	
Interest accrued to Jan. 1, 1890 . . .	9 37	
		$12 41
Paid as follows:—		
For care of lot in cemetery	$4 00	
Cash on hand to balance	8 41	
		$12 41

C. A. LITCHFIELD,
C. C. YOUNG,
T. BARSTOW,
Trustees of Coffin, Otis, and Josslyn Funds.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

MARRIAGES.

REGISTERED IN NORWELL FOR THE YEAR 1889.

DATE.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	WHERE AND BY WHOM MARRIED.
1889			
Jan. 8	Frank R. Kenyon Jennie W. Brooke	Boston Norwell	Married in Boston by Rev. William H. Savory.
April 24	John R. Collamore Mildred G. Damon	Norwell Rockland	Married in Rockland by Rev. H. C. McDougal.
May 7	Frank E. Beach Isabell Winslow	Hingham Norwell	Married in Norwell by E. T. Fogg, Esq.
May 29	Clinton W. Delano Minnie E. Capell	Hanover Norwell	Married in Hanover by Rev. Frank S. Harriden.
June 2	Everett E. Ells Lucy Clark	Hanover Norwell	Married in Hanover by Rev. O. M. Lord.
June 16	Fred W. Brett Nellie A. Simmons	Hingham Norwell	Married in Norwell by Rev. S. R. H. Biggs.
June 25	Charles F. Talbot Dora Gunderway	Norwell Hanover	Married in Norwell by Samuel Tolman, Esq.
Aug. 25	George O. Merritt Katie McCullen	Scituate Scituate	Married in Norwell by Rev. W. H. Fish.
Sept. 26	Geo. W. H. Litchfield Mary J. Page	Norwell Pembroke	Married in Hanover by Rev. O. M. Lord.
Sept. 29	Edward A. Jacobs Ella A. Osborne	Norwell Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
Oct. 29	Alexander Black Agnes Dessey	Marshfield Norwell	Married in Hanover by Rev. F. S. Harriden.
Nov. 3	Dennis W. Gammon Bertha M. Herlihy	Norwell Boston	Married in Boston by Rev. Arthur J. Connelly.
Nov. 27	Matthew W. Dunn Edith A. Cushing	Hingham Norwell	Married in Weymouth by Rev. Jacob Baker.
Dec. 12	Arthur Curtis M. Grace Gardner	Norwell Hingham	Married in Norwell by Rev. S. R. H. Biggs.
Dec. 22	Edwin H. Litchfield Cora F. Damon	Norwell Scituate	Married in Cohasset by Rev. Joseph Osgood.
Dec. 31	A. Chapin Tisdale Josie A. Prouty	Weymouth Norwell	Married in Rockland by Rev. Andrew Reed.

BIRTHS.

Date.	Name of Child.	Name of Parents.
1884		
Oct. 28	Charles F. Cutler	William and Eliza.
1887		
March 14	—— Cutler	William and Eliza.
Dec. 24	Cora Bates	Henry L. and Amelia.
1889		
Jan. 10	Henry Wilber Ainslee	Ellery F. and Mary.
" 12	Lillian Wilder	William and Lilla C.
" 24	Winniefred Farrar	Albert T. and Mary.
Feb. 13	Dora Ethel Pratt	Gustavus J. and Jennie.
" 15	Carrie Evelyn Barrel	George W. and Ella E.
April 24	Helen L. Oakman	Edward and Nellie.
May 5	Howard A. Delano	Frank A. and Fannie P.
" 5	Gladys May Sylvester	Frederick N. and Ellen.
" 20	Wellman Vining Pratt	Fred A. and Lydia A.
" 21	Clinton Bates	Henry L. and Amelia.
" 19	—— Smith	William R. and Clara.
" 21	—— McDonnald	Edwin L. and Nellie.
June 7	Ethel Clayton Litchfield	Everitt H. and Carrie M.
" 12	Martha Lucretia Abbott	Charles C. and Martha R.
" 22	—— Damon	—— Minnie Damon.
July 22	James Patrick Leslie	John E. and Catherine.
" 21	—— Sylvester	Alonzo C. and Harriet.
Aug. 6	Mabel E. Adams	Charles and Elizabeth.
" 9	Bertha May Talbot	Charles F. and Dora M.
Sept. 26	Marion Lincoln Richardson	William T. and Lilla M.
" 28	Edward Winslow	—— Rachel Winslow.
Oct. 6	Mary Gammon	John E. and Catherine.
" 21	Chester M. Damon	Harry E. and Vesta L.
Nov. 25	Marshall W. Cox	Edward J. and Isabella L.
Dec. 19	Ida Florence McFawn	Thomas and Nellie M.
" 20	Bessie Richmond Callamore	John and Mildred G.

DEATHS.

Date.	Names.	Age.		Cause of Death.	Place of Birth.
1889.		Y.	M.		
Jan. 1	Franklin Otis	29			South Scituate.
" 12	Rosa E. Henderson	35		Consumption	Scituate.
" 17	Winniefred Williamson	21	4	General Tuberculosis	South Scituate.
" 25	Winniefred Farrar			Luyperuo during Birth	Norwell.
" 28	Horace P. Stevens	69	10	Heart Disease	West Newfield, Me.
Feb. 3	Sarah T. Ewell	76	11	Paralysis	Pembroke.
" 5	Lizzie A. Jacobs	36	4	Neuralgia of Heart	Lowell.
" 12	Allen Randall	67	8	Acute Rheumatism	Scituate.
" 13	John R. Litchfield	56	6	Heart Disease	Scituate.
" 15	Lizzie J. Litchfield	37	10	Carcinoma	Scituate.
Mar. 2	Freeman French	87	10	Senile	
" 7	John Lewis	73	5	Celereah Hemorrhage	Plymouth.
" 11	Lemuel C. Waterman	74	8	Disease of Heart	Scituate.
" 26	Abendego W. Brown	79	4	Old Age	Scituate.
April 12	Horatio N. Gardner	74	6	Heart Disease	Hingham.
" 15	Louisa Cushing	79	4	Pneumonia	Boston.
" 15	Charlotte G. Coffin	80		Old Age	Portsmouth, N. H.
" 19	Stephen Benson	62		Heart Disease	South Scituate.
May 11	Susan G. Coffin	78		Insanity and Exhaustion,	Portsmouth, N. H.
" 17	Laban Wilder	79	8	Bright's Disease	Hingham.
" 20	—— Smith			Childbirth	Norwell.
June 21	Mary F. Litchfield	30	6	Tuberculosis	Marshfield.
July 28	John E. Corthell	76	7	Hemorrhage	Hingham.
" 28	Constant Little	74	4	Paralysis	Marshfield.
Aug. 3	Gideon R. Swan	70	4	Paralysis	Woodstock, Me.
" 6	—— Damon	1		Meningitis	Norwell.
" 19	Ruth Totman	90	1	Old Age	Hingham.
Sept. 1	Eliza R. Tirrill	17	2	Tuberculosis	Weymouth.
" 6	Sophronia L. Curtis	39	11	Typhoid Fever	South Scituate.
" 13	Helen L. Oakman		5	Cholera Infantum	Norwell.
" 23	Amos T. Litchfield	49	7	Cerebral Hemorrhage	Scituate.
Oct. 5	Mary A. Turner	53		Epileptic Convulsions	Scituate.
" 16	Henry L. Studley	79		Cancer of Stomach	Scituate.
" 30	Harvey T. Sylvester	79		Internal Nephetes	Scituate.
" 30	Mary Williams	85		Old Age	Scituate.
Nov. 11	Rebecca Turner	87	9	Old Age	Cohasset.
" 17	Eloena S. Bailey	41		Typhoid Fever	South Scituate.
Dec. 3	Charles W. Sylvester	82		Softening of the Brain	Scituate.
" 3	David W. Studley	82	5	Cancer	Scituate.
" 24	George W. Stetson	83	5	Cancer	Scituate.
" 31	William R. Smith, Jr.	27		Consumption	P. E. Island.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Norwell:

At the annual town meeting in March, Miss Hattie R. Gardner was re-elected for a term of three years; but to the regret of all, she felt obliged to resign in December, 1889, and it being so near the close of the year and the annual meeting, her place has not been filled.

The officers of the board are the same as last year, viz., Mr. Samuel Tolman, chairman; Mrs. Mary E. Curtis, secretary.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Although still keeping our school year of thirty-eight weeks, we have made a slight change in the matter of vacations by giving our scholars a week at Christmas, thus shortening the spring vacation by one week.

We have now two primary schools in Districts 1 and 7; five mixed schools in Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6; two grammar schools in Districts 1 and 7, and a High School.

Our primary teachers receive $247 per year; mixed schools, $285; grammar schools, $342; High School, $800.

Taking into consideration that our schools are very small (with few exceptions), we think that we pay fair salaries, although not as much as we would like to pay, for a school teacher *never* can be overpaid. An appropriation of $3,200 will be sufficient for the coming year.

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

We have had to purchase few new books this year, except for our High School, as by our new system of keeping an account of them, we have changed from one school to another.

As you will readily see, our High School books must necessarily cost us considerable, as the studies there, after the first year, are

all different from the district schools; but after next year, when the first class will graduate, we shall have all we need; the books being handed down from one class to the other next lower. We must have some new and different reading books for our lower-grade schools. We have received the criticism that our scholars are poor readers; we knew it, but what can be expected when they have to read the same pieces over and over again? You do not like to read yesterday's paper over again to-day, and to-morrow and the next day; and another reason, a pupil learns so many more new words by reading in several books.

You say, "My child can't read a word outside of his reading book"; and why? The answer is, because he has had no practice except in that very reading book.

We know of a town in Massachusetts where the scholars have fifteen different reading books during the first year, and are never allowed to read the same piece twice, and as a result, they have the credit of being the *best* readers in the State.

We do not ask for as many as that, but can't we have at least six sets?

TEACHERS.

We have heen most fortunate in keeping the same teachers we had last year through this year, with one exception. Miss Croning resigned in September, and Miss Marion G. Merritt, a Normal scholar and a resident of our town, was chosen as her successor, and giving good satisfaction during her first term, we were very glad to continue employing her.

Our teachers now are:—

High School	Edward J. Cox.
Grammar School No. 1	Martha W. Brooks.
Grammar School No. 7	Mrs. S. M. Buttrick.
Mixed School No. 2	Dora A. Gardner.
Mixed School No. 3	Grace F. Hatch.
Mixed School No. 4	Carrie M. Ford.
Mixed School No. 5	Marion G. Merritt.
Mixed School No. 6	Nellie M. Hatch.
Primary School No. 1	Lina F. Stowell.
Primary School No. 7	Maria W. Tolman.

We are sure that it would be hard to find a town in which all the teachers are as faithful and efficient as our own.

Any changes or suggestions that we have seen fit to make have been cheerfully and carefully followed, when in some cases much more outside work was occasioned thereby.

BUILDINGS.

During the summer vacation we had the school-room in District No. 4 kalsomined and whitewashed, as this was left out when the others were done the year before.

We will say right here, that our rooms have been kept very neat and clean, and on going into them, you can scarcely believe that the kalsomine has been on one year, or that the rooms receive a thorough cleaning but once during the year.

The schoolhouse in District No. 5 needs painting, and we would recommend an appropriation of $90 for the purpose.

OUR SCHOOLS.

Let us first take a look at the primary classes in our schools and see what the little folks are doing.

Just visit them for an hour, let them read for you, or write a little story, or explain an example so well that you are astonished, or read writing (as they call it) as quickly as you can yourself, and we are sure you will say, "I do not see how they can learn so much in so short a time."

When the lessons are over, then comes the "Busy Work," such as drawing from pictures on slates or blackboard, laying colored splints to form designs, tracing pictures through perforated cards, making words from letters, and many other "working plays" which teachers know so well; surely it is no wonder that our little ones love their school and their teacher.

Then the scholars of the grammar grades are just as busy and just as happy, reciting well any lesson that you may wish to hear, and very anxious to let you know how far they have studied in each. They will show you a good-looking drawing book, or on the blackboard you may see some of their original designs put on in colored chalk, or a nice map; and if some one pupil has a special talent for drawing ships, engines or any other object, he is allowed to exercise his talent, and you will often see a drawing that would do credit to older heads and hands.

How much better work these scholars accomplish, knowing, as they do, that when lessons are learned or recited, they can have something to do which seems to them almost like play, and still *we* know that it is teaching them all the while, training eyes to see correctly, and hands to move rapidly and skilfully.

Did n't we used to get tired of studying from morning till night, and wish that such an institution as a school never had been thought of? How much happier would our school life have been if some variation had been brought into OUR work! It is surely very true that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

And now come with us into our High School and see the bright faces of forty of our young people; are you not proud of them and of the work which they are doing?

They have now all arrived at an age where they begin to appreciate an education, and not to think that schools are places contrived by people for the torment of children.

We know you would enjoy hearing them recite even a lesson in chemistry, as we did one day; and thinking as you do, no doubt, that it must be a very dull and rather useless study, imagine our surprise and pleasure when they began to talk of carbon in its different forms, the diamond, its uses, and where found, plumbago or black lead, and the making of pencils, charcoal, soot, lamp-black, and other forms which we had seen and known all our lives and never thought we were studying chemistry.

And so it is with all the studies, each and every one is applied to the every-day life of the pupil as far as possible, and the very studies which you may term most useless of all are the ones which are doing them the most good.

In October, we began the use of deportment cards, to be made out by the teacher for each scholar every month, and then carried home to receive the parent's signature.

The scholars are marked daily in each recitation and at the end of the month receive written examinations, and from these two per cents the average is found.

We are delighted with the impetus which they seem to have given, not only to the work of the schools but to the matter of attendance; by looking at the "abstract from the registers," you will notice that the highest percentage of attendance for the year was during the fall term.

To the Friends of our Schools:

Last year we tried to impress on your minds the importance of keeping the children in school, but it would almost seem as if our time was wasted. Just look at the miserable record of some of the districts; now we know that there is no need of such looking registers. If appealing to the parents has no effect this year, we must and shall apply the strictest truant laws.

Parents, do you tell your children that without an education they can do nothing? Or, do you say (as we know of one boy in this town, age, eleven years, who told his teacher) that he "shouldn't come to school much this winter, it was too cold, and education did n't amount to anything"? Such ideas never originated in that child's own head, he heard older people express them first.

We know that there are people, not parents very often, who will say, "*I* have done well enough and *I* never went to school but a short time; *I* never went to a high school." Does n't it seem strange that it never occurs to them that perhaps they could have done better, risen higher in the world, done what they have done much easier, if they had gone to school more?

Parents, you, and you only, are to blame for the non-attendance of your children; if it so happens that a child cannot go to school in the morning, send him in the afternoon, he can't afford to lose a whole day; if he can't go on Monday, do not keep him at home all the week, for then one twelfth of that term is gone.

If you were digging for gold (where gold was plenty), do you suppose anything would keep you away from the mine?

Your child's education is his gold, his school is the mine; send him every day and be sure he will dig a good supply.

We are very happy to say that during this year there has been less faultfinding than for many a year before, and we hope that you are beginning to know that a teacher is not always in the wrong, and that a teacher's life is not all play and sunshine. We know very well that a teacher is in the school-room but six hours a day, but does her work and worry stop when the school-room door is shut at night? No, far from it, there is much to be done out of school hours, lessons are to be looked over, work to be corrected, many anxious thoughts has she, as to whether she has done the best thing for each one of those under her care, so don't envy

a teacher her position or the few dollars which she earns; she deserves all she gets and much more.

We have received a visit from Mr. Geo. H. Martin, agent of the Board of Education; he, with your committee, visited every school in town, and at the close of his visits he gave an interesting and instructive talk to both committee and teachers, telling us of our faults in his kindly way and suggesting some remedy for each.

He visited our schools four years ago, and, on this last visit, noticing the improvements that had been made in our school system, he told us that the schools of our town had improved the most since his last visit of those of any town in Plymouth County. He spoke of the great advance that had been made by the establishment of our High School, also of the good-looking school-rooms so well supplied with the materials for successful work.

Now, friends, we have not yet the best schools that can be had, so let us not stop advancing until we have reached the point where our friend of the Board of Education will say, "You have the *very best* schools in all Plymouth County."

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. CURTIS.
SAMUEL TOLMAN.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the Year ending April 1, 1889, being for the Winter Term of Thirteen Weeks.

District No. 1.

Martha W. Brooks, for teaching	$117 00
Lina F. Stowell, for teaching	84 50
Henry Damon, for care of rooms	4 00
	$205 50

District No. 2.

Edward J. Cox, for teaching	$273 67
Dora A. Gardner, for teaching	104 00
Willie T. Studley, for care of rooms	5 00
	$382 67

District No. 3.

Grace F. Hatch, for teaching	$117 00
Gustavus Totman, for care of room	2 50
	$119 50

District No. 4.

Carrie M. Ford, for teaching	$84 50
Lillian F. Merritt, for care of room	2 00
	86 50

District No. 5.

Nina B. Croning, for teaching	$117 00
Herbert S. Turner, for care of room	2 50
	$119 50

District No. 6.

Nellie M. Hatch, for teaching	$91 00
Fred Henderson, for care of room	2 00
	$93 00

District No. 7.

Mrs. S. M. Buttrick, for teaching	$117 00
Maria W. Tolman, for teaching	84 50
W. Raleigh Barker, for care of rooms	10 00
	$211 50

These expenditures were fully met by the available funds.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the Year ending April 1, 1890, being for Two Terms, Thirteen Weeks and Twelve Weeks.

District No. 1.

Martha W. Brooks, for teaching	$225 00
Lina F. Stowell, for teaching	162 50
Edwin Jacobs, for wood	22 74
Henry Damon, for care of rooms	4 00
	$414 24

District No. 2.

E. J. Cox, for teaching	$526 32
E. J. Cox, for teaching (2 weeks to Jan. 1, '90)	42 10
Edwin Jacobs, for wood	19 00
Dora A. Gardner, for teaching	187 50
John E. Gammon, for wood	5 50
Gertie Jones, for care of rooms	4 00
Wallace Damon, for care of rooms	4 00
	$788 42

District No. 3.

Grace F. Hatch, for teaching	$207 00
John E. Gammon, for wood	14 45
Gustavus Totman, for care of room	2 50
	$223 95

District No. 4.

Carrie M. Ford, for teaching	$187 50
C. W. Sparrell, for wood	15 00
John Whalen, for wood	2 75
Archie Merritt, for care of room	4 00
	$209 25

District No. 5.

Nina B. Croning, for teaching	$117 00
Marion G. Merritt, for teaching	90 00
C. W. Tilden, for wood	1 00
John E. Gammon, for wood	14 70
John Whalen, for wood	2 75
Herbert S. Turner, for care of room	2 50
John H. Sparrell, for care of room	2 50
	$230 45

District No. 6.

Nellie M. Hatch, for teaching	$187 50
C. W. Tilden, for wood	2 00
C. W. Sparrell, for wood	5 50
C. W. Sparrell, for wood	15 00
Fred L. Henderson, for care of room	4 00
	$214 00

District No. 7.

Mrs. S. M. Buttrick, for teaching	$225 00
Maria W. Tolman, for teaching	162 50
Charles R. Barker, for wood	1 25
William C. Tolman, for wood	23 00
	$411 75

AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

Unexpended balance from last year		$365 86
Town appropriation		3,200 00
State school fund		210 05
State school fund (from last year)		135 49
Dog tax refunded		309 99
		$4,221 39
Amount expended		2,492 06
		$1,729 33
Teachers' salaries to April 1, 1890	$1,122 09	
Care of rooms (estimated)	27 00	
		1,149 09
Balance unexpended		$580 24

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

Schools.	Winter Term. 1888-89.				Spring Term, 1889.				Fall Term. 1889.			
	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Number Enrolled.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.
No. 1.												
Grammar.....	20	19.3	17.75	90+	18	17.45	16.28	93+	25	23.06	22.09	95+
Primary	34	33.22	28.9	86+	34	29.6	25.94	87+	28	25.52	23.54	92+
No. 2.												
High.....	31	30.83	30.33	98+	31	30	28.83	96+	43	42.3	40.83	96+
Mixed	19	19	16.5	86+	19	18.66	15.3	81+	22	19.33	17.83	92+
No. 3.												
Mixed	29	27.8	23.77	85+	31	29.6	26.06	88+	30	29.92	27.08	90+
No. 4.												
Mixed	19	18.33	16.79	91+	19	16.53	14.15	85+	15	15	13.96	93+
No. 5.												
Mixed	26	23.66	21.58	91+	21	19.3	17.66	90+	18	14.25	13.49	94+
No. 6.												
Mixed	17	16.83	15.08	89+	18	16.35	13.13	80+	17	17	13.91	81+
No. 7.												
Grammar.....	21	17.66	15.11	85+	15	11.3	9.29	82+	14	13.74	12.36	89+
Primary	27	24.16	17.56	77+	26	23.4	17.56	75+	24	23.0	18.87	78+

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT DURING TWO TERMS.

District No. 1. Grammar School.

Grace H. Cushing. Martha Scully.

District No. 2. Mixed School.

Annie Clapp.

District No. 3. Mixed School.

Ada F. Reed. Sarah F. Richardson.

District No. 4. Mixed School.

Flossie E. Cox. Ambrose J. Cox.
Thomas P. Cox. Floyd H. Cox.

District No. 5. Mixed School.

Bessie S. Merritt. John H. Sparrell.
Jennie C. Nickerson.

District No. 6. Mixed School.

Sadie Greene. Robbie Henderson.
Arthur Henderson.

High School.

E. Josie Curtiss. D. Fay Farrar.
Mary R. Turner. Henry C. Ford.
Lottie R. Brooks. Irving E. Litchfield.
Robert P. Nichols.

SCHOLARS NOT ABSENT DURING ONE TERM.

District No. 1. Grammar School.

Mary Curtiss.
Annie L. Farrar.
Florence H. Shurtleff.
Martha Brown.
Alice Scully.
Pearl B. Grose.
Edna Gardner.
Willie O. Prouty.
Fred H. Prouty.
Henry Damon.
W. Allen Damon.
Percy Cowing.
Sumner W. Cushing.

District No. 1. Primary School.

Honora Sheehan.
Charles R. Delano.
Charlie Lincoln.
Arthur Lincoln.

District No. 2. Mixed School.

Ethel Jones.
Bertha Stoddard.

District No. 3. Mixed School.

Isabel M. Osborne.
Flora Winslow.
Edith M. Osborne.
George A. Osborne.

District No. 4. Mixed School.

Allen P. Merritt.

District No. 5. Mixed School.

Edith Cleveland.
Helen J. Sparrell.
M. Gussie Williston.

District No. 7. Grammar School.

W. Raleigh Barker.

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High School.

A. Linie Damon.
Clara A. Brown.
Annie Greene.
Edith Cleveland.
Annie L. Farrar.
Lillian F. Merritt.
Helen J. Sparrell.
Joseph Briggs.
Wallace H. Damon.
Gerry A. Pratt.
George C. Turner.
Ralph S. Vinal.
George Knapp.

NORWELL HIGH SCHOOL.

List of Members Attending.

Class of '91.

Jennie S. Clapp.
E. Josie Curtiss.
A. Linie Damon.
Annie Greene.
Winnie Greene.
Abbie C. Hatch.
Della F. Nichols.
Mabel G. Pinkham.
Mary R. Turner.
Joseph Briggs.
Henry C. Ford.
Israel Hatch, Jr.
Irving E. Litchfield.
Robert P. Nichols.
George C. Turner.
Wallace H. Damon.

Class of '92.

Nellie G. Alger.
Lottie R. Brooks.
D. Fay Farrar.
A. Gertrude Jones.
Nellie A. Killam.
Josie W. Litchfield.
Ella M. Merritt.
Arthur C. Jones.
Peter O'Donnell.
Ralph S. Vinal.

Class of '93.

Hattie F. Bates.
Edith Cleveland.
Mary Curtiss.
Annie L. Farrar.
Lillian F. Merritt.
Alice Scully.
Helen J. Sparrell.
George S. Corthell.
Atwood L. Ford.
Percy T. Ford.
Joseph W. Hatch.
Andy J. Litchfield.
Charles S. Merritt.
L. Nelson Osborne.
George Knapp.
Herbert S. Turner.